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Aaron Hinds – stole boots

A SECURITY guard at West Bromwich Albion's training ground stole a player's football boots, a court was told.

Trainers belonging to Baggies midfielder James Morrison and boots belonging to Graham Dorrans were among the items taken.

Aaron Hinds, 25, of Cheadle Drive, New Oscott, Birmingham, told Walsall Magistrates Court he stole the kit from the training fround in Birmingham Road, Great Barr, as he could not afford his own.

The father-of-one stole trainers belonging to Morrison from the changing rooms on August 20 and boots belonging to Dorrans on August 29.

He was also caught on CCTV taking keys to the ground's laundry room where he stole one of the club's t-shirts in a clear bag on the same date. Hinds admitted two charges of theft and one of burglary at Walsall Magistrates Court yesterday.

Miss Maxine Mcintosh, prosecuting, said on August 29, the manager viewed CCTV footage and saw the defendant in the boot room. He was seen to conceal a pair of boots inside his jacket before leaving.

Playing

She added: "On August 20, footage depicted him entering the laundry room, but he did not have permission to enter that room and had taken keys to gain access. He exited five minutes later with a t-shirt inside a clear bag.

"He was then seen on CCTV going into the first team training room and stealing trainers belonging to James Morrison. All of the items have been recovered." Hinds said he had intended to use the kit to start playing football as he did not have the money to pay for his own.

Mr Baldev Mehay defending said: "Mr Hinds admitted the offence at the earliest opportunity. He is in a steady relationship and has a daughter and now has full-time employment as a driver."

Presiding magistrate Margaret Jackson said: "This is a deplorable offence and you have not only let yourself down but you have let your colleagues down."

Hinds was given a 12-month community order with 200 hours unpaid work. He was ordered to pay £85 costs

His partner Tanya Cotton, 23, also of Cheadle Drive, pleaded not guilty to the theft on August 20 and will appear before Walsall Magistrates Court on February 3.

FATHER'S THANKS FOR CARE OF SON

A FATHER from West Bromwich has launched a fundraising drive in aid of the hospitals which saved his son's life and has already raised thousands of pounds.

When nine-year-old Nasim Ali was diagnosed with a brain tumour, the news came 'like a bolt out of the blue' and turned his family's life upside down.

by Tom Mason

Five years and numerous operations on, Nasim's father Didar is now raising money and following the success of his first event, Mr Ali has spoken about the complications of his son's illness and the heartache it has caused his family.

Mr Ali said: "He had been sick for a few days and we had already taken him to the GP several times but they just told us to keep an eye on it.

"Then a few days later I was picking him up from school to take him to the doctor and he was playing basketball, he wanted to keep playing basketball.

"An older GP at our surgery said that something wasn't right.

"We went to Birmingham Children's Hospital and doctors checked him over but couldn't find anything.

"We were about to leave when one doctor said he should have a scan.

"They said straight away that it was a huge brain tumour and that it would be difficult to remove. It was like a bolt out of the blue." But just as it seemed Nasim was out of the woods he experienced swelling on his brain that meant he had to go back under the knife to have a section of his skull removed and replaced with a metal plate.

The procedure was a success and his parents Didar and Ambia thought their ordeal was all over, but a week after the operation Nasim suffered a stroke.

Nasim, who attends George Salter Academy West Bromwich, went on to receive radiotherapy at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital to ensure the tumour did not return.

Now 14-year-old Nasim's family, say his battle is the inspiration behind their fundraising efforts.

More than 120 people attended a charity buffet at their restaurant, Akush Balti, in High Street, West Bromwich, on Monday, helping to bring in £2,050 for the two hospitals.

Nasim Ali, with his father, Didar, who is raising funds for the hospitals that treated his son

Thousand of shifts covered by agency

THOUSANDS of shifts are being covered by bank and agency staff at Sandwell's hospitals each month.

More than £5 million has been spent on agency staff by the trust that runs the hospitals so far this year.

And Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust is using more bank and agency nursing staff than in the past four years.

The trust runs Sandwell Hospital, West Bromwich, Rowley Regis Hospital and City Hospital, Birmingham.

In September it spent £928,000 on agency staff – higher than the average in the previous five months.

A table was given to a trust board meeting last week showing a year-on-year comparison of how many bank and agency nursing staff have been used by the trust reveals that in April 2011/12, nurse bank and agency staff were used to cover 5,533 shifts, compared to 7,516 this year – 2013/14. In August 2011/12 bank and agency staff were used to cover 4,323 shifts, compared to 6,922 this year.

The highest month for bank and agency nursing staff usage since April 2011/12 was March 2012/13 with 8,611 shifts.

A financial report at the same meeting showed of the £5.3m spent in the year to September, £2m was on medical and £2m on nursing and midwifery staffing.

Sex assault man is jailed

A FORMER teacher who indecently assaulted young pupils 40 years ago during after-school 'homework sessions' has been jailed for 18 months.

Brian Rees preyed on two sisters – aged between eight and 13 – during the early stages of a teaching career at Barford School, Ladywood. Rees, of Farm Road, Oldbury, groomed them in the late 60s and early 70s, and repeatedly abused them at his then home in Edgbaston. He pleaded guilty at Birmingham Crown Court to four counts of indecent assault .

'Dragons' will help to fire up business

SANDWELL Council is offering a 'Dragons' Den' style scheme to help young entrepreneurs set up their own businesses.

The successful ones will be offered a council-owned unit for a rent free period of 12 months, intense start-up support by a partnering organisation and mentoring as, and when, required during the first year of trading.

The scheme is designed for people aged 18 to 30 who live in the borough and to ensure that they are given the best opportunity possible, the council will be working closely with

The Prince's Trust Enterprise programme will ensure the entrepreneurs will also be offered support to work out if their business ideas are viable and whether self-employment is right for them.

Cabinet member for jobs and economy Councillor Ian Jones said: "There are a lot of highly motivated young people in Sandwell who are struggling to put their business idea into practice because they don't have the finance or the support required to start a business.

"We see this as a golden opportunity to offer proper and sound advice to these youngsters."

Anyone interested should email enquiries_sector @sandwell.gov.uk or call 0121 569 3309.

Emily shines at Hawthorns

A YOUNG singer and West Bromwich Albion fan has performed on The Hawthorns pitch in front of thousands of fans for the fourth time.

Emily Badger, aged 13, from Rowley Regis, sang the fans' anthem Psalm 23, The Lord's My Shepherd, before the Baggies' game against Crystal Palace on Saturday.

She has reached the area finals in the national Open Mic UK competition at the NEC on November 24. The St Michael's C of E pupil will be helping mark the end of The Public on November 16.

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100 extra paramedics to be recruited

MORE than 100 extra paramedics are being recruited by West Midlands Ambulance Service to meet increasing demands on the service.

West Midlands Ambulance Service has announced 110 additional staff were being taken on and would be in place by the end of January.

Among the new recruits will be newly qualified paramedics who have just completed their university studies and training. Others are qualified emergency medical technicians who have taken on additional training to become paramedics.

Officials from the trust said the additional staff would be rolled out across the entire West Midlands.

But they said many of them would be based in the Black Country and Birmingham – although exact figures were not available.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the service's trust board held in Brierley Hill recently.

And the board was told schemes such as the extra staff being taken on would mean the trust's planned surplus for the present financial year would be less than originally thought.

As an NHS Foundation Trust, it is required to put aside a surplus during each financial year to be re-invested in capital projects. The target for the present financial year had been £10.2 million, but the board was told the present projection showed there would be a £2.5m shortfall.

But director of finance Rupert Davies said there was still expected to be a surplus by the end of the year. "At the moment there is a drift of around £2.9 million but this is expected to improve as the year progresses," he said.

Robber attacked man while on hospital visit

A ROBBER has been jailed for attacking a husband, who was visiting his cancer-stricken wife in hospital, as he drove on to the car park.

Carlos Crawford opened the door of his victim's car and tried to grab the gold bracelet from his wrist before the man had time to turn off the engine. Crawford, aged 32, was sentenced to three years in prison at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

The court heard Crawford targeted his 63-year-old victim on the car park at Sandwell Hospital as he pulled up to visit his wife, who had only been diagnosed with cancer a short time earlier.

Prosecutor Mr Paul Reid said on May 19 Crawford opened the door of the victim's Ford Fiesta and first tried to grab a gold bracelet from his wrist.

During the scuffle the victim's son and daughter-in-law had run over when the victim fell over Crawford's bicycle, into his daughter-in-law, and on to the ground.

Crawford, from Wood Green Road, Winson Green, then jumped into the car and tried to drive off. Eventually the victim managed to get back into the car and drive away, and Crawford rode off on his bike.

The bike was found by police in a bush, with clothing on the handle bars.

DNA was taken from those and provided a match to Crawford who eventually pleaded guilty to attempted robbery of the bracelet, and robbery of the car.

Defending, Mr Nicholas Berry said Crawford had been in the 'grips' of drug addiction since he was 18.

He said: "This man has finally realised that unless he gets himself out of this rut, he's going to spend the remainder of his life, or a lot of it, in prison."

Crawford was sentenced to three years for the robbery, and two for the attempted robbery, which will run concurrently.

Network event for business

AEROSPACE firms in the Black Country hope to fly high thanks to a special networking event organised by Sandwell Council.

The Breakfast Club on December 5 is the second time the event has been held this year by the council. It hopes to encourage big buyers in the region to forge strong links with local suppliers.

The free event at Sandwell Council House will give local suppliers a chance to hear from and speak to delegates from leading aerospace firms, including Ian Taylor, Supplier development manager for Meggitt Europe, a leading manufacturer of aircraft wheels and braking systems.

Steve Massey, council supply chain development officer, said: "The combination of such big names, valuable contracts, a world-leading manufacturer and networking with genuine industry experts and decision-makers makes this too important to miss."

The workshop takes place from 8am to 12.30pm, in Annexe 1 of the chambers. Book by emailing stephen_massey@sandwell.gov.uk or calling him on 07929 353232.

Home goes back in time

Activity co-ordinators Rachel Pincher, left, and Dawn Wilkes with resident Marion Geavons

STAFF donned fancy dress while residents at a care home enjoyed an afternoon of 50s and 60s entertainment.

Care home provider HC-One, which runs Dovedale Court in Wednesbury, held an afternoon of entrainment to mark the company's second birthday. While staff at the 74-bed home in Holyhead Road dug out their best 50s and 60s clothes, residents enjoyed entertainment by Funtime Productions. Dawn Wilkes, activities coordinator at the home, said: "Everybody has been involved, and the kitchen have made cakes that are shaped like records."

Benefits fraudster claimed £28,000

A BENEFITS cheat who took almost £28,000 illegally by claiming she was so disabled she needed care was actually working as a carer herself, a court was told.

Tina Potter pleaded guilty to dishonestly claiming £27,982 in disability benefits from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) at Sandwell Magistrates Court, despite working as a carer at the Everley Home For The Elderly in Lyde Green, Halesowen.

Prosecuting, Mrs Kelly Crowe said: "From August 6 2008 until December 25 2012 she made a false claim for disability allowance.

An investigation was launched by the DWP in 2012 and the 50-year-old from Meadow Walk in Cradley Heath was charged with two counts of dishonestly making a false statement to obtain a benefit.

Mr Darryl Foster, Defending said: "Mrs Potter is an ill woman that was formally diagnosed with a condition in 2010.

"She admits that she falsely claimed the benefit."

Magistrates asked for a report to be carried out before sentencing and adjourned the case.

Return for city ice rink

AN outdoor ice rink will return to Birmingham's Centenary Square in a two weeks' time.

The Winter Skate attraction will complement the Frankfurt Market on November 17. It will be open daily until January 5.

Deputy leader for Birmingham City Council, Councillor Ian Ward, said: "It's been six years since we last had an ice rink."

The rink will be open daily, except Christmas Day, from 10am to 10pm with last entries at 9pm.

Tickets can be booked at Winterskate.co.uk.

Building homes

A PAIR of semi-detached homes will be built on vacant land. The development has been approved for land next to Regis Road, Rowley Regis. The scheme is for two two-bedroom homes. It was granted by Sandwell Council officers under delegated powers.

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Calls to act on betting machines

CAMPAIGNERS are calling for the Government to act over high stakes gaming machines in betting shops amid concerns they may be used by criminals, as well as cause people to get into unmanageable debt.

It follows questions raised in the Commons by West Bromwich MP Tom Watson.

The new minister for culture, media and sport, Helen Grant, was asked about the betting shop roulette machines that Mr Watson described as a 'magnet for money laundering gangs'.

Fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs), have moved up the political agenda after David Cameron said he would take a 'proper look' at them two weeks ago in Prime Minister's Questions.

Mr Watson said shops in the North East and Midlands saw hundreds of thousands of pounds laundered through them.

He also raised the question as to why betting shops were not included in the European Union money laundering directives.

Derek Webb, founder of the Campaign for Fairer Gambling, said: "It's certainly a step forward to see FOBTs on the agenda in Parliament with both the Prime Minister and the new minister.

"However, the question raised by Tom Watson and the criminal activity that may be taking place on these machines in betting shops needs urgent investigation."

Venue put up for sale

NEW owners are being sought for a historic Oldbury pub which is on the market for £115,000.

Ye Olde Bulls Head, Birmingham Street, closed earlier this year and its sale is being looked after by property consultants Edward Symmons.

The venue was one of 79 owned and operated by Calco Pubs, which had racked up £23.4 million in debts before Zolfo Cooper was appointed joint administrators in January last year.

The Public sale

AS USERS of The Public get ready to say goodbye to the building in a week-long celebration the trust behind its operation are selling off leftover art supplies. As a result of ceasing to operate in West Bromwich, on Friday, Sandwell Arts Trust will be holding a scrap store jumble sale from 10am until 3pm.

Police issue 92 warnings for street drinking

Sgt Gavin Peever – small minority

MORE than 90 people have been warned about drinking in the street by police during a 10-week crackdown.

Operation Holston has been running in West Bromwich town centre since the beginning of August.

Traders said the move was necessary despite by-laws already being in place stopping people from drinking in a public place.

It has now been revealed that in the first 10 weeks since its launch, 92 people were made the subject of either civil intervention or police action.

Among them, 78 people received intervention notices, which work like a temporary town exclusion notice, ordering recipients to stay away from the area for 48 hours in each case.

A further eight people were arrested for alcohol-fuelled behaviour.

Another five people signed acceptable behaviour contracts and the last person was served with an immigration removal notice.

Raised

Action was called for by businesses who said people drinking in the street was putting shoppers off, and hitting them in the pocket.

Edmonds, spokesman for West Midlands Police, said: "This issue was raised at a local forum. Businesses were saying that trade was suffering.

"That was because some groups were congregating. "Sandwell Council has also picked this up as an issue of homelessness.

"We have also been working with immigration officers because of some of the individuals concerned.

"This intervention was over a 10-week period from the beginning of August."

Sergeant Gavin Peever, who is responsible for West Bromwich Central Neighbourhood, added: "Enjoying alcohol should be an activity that is enjoyed socially and responsibly, and in the case of West Bromwich, not in the street.

"There is a small minority of people in West Bromwich that continue to flout the by-laws that are in place."

Closure-hit Legion branch pledges to be on parade

A ROYAL British Legion club will parade this weekend to mark Remembrance Sunday despite the group being forced to close its base a month ago.

At its height, the Smethwick Royal British Legion club had 1,000 members, but now has only around 90.

The legion closed its HQ on Londonderry Lane four weeks ago and the site is now boarded up. However a parade has still been organised on Sunday. Eddie Brown, branch chairman for the past four years and parade commander of seven years, said: "The club ceased trading a few weeks ago.

"Everyone now seems to think that means we would not be parading but we are.

"As far as we're concerned, there is still a branch in Smethwick. The legion has closed down our HQ without consulting my members or all of my committee.

"We are still trying to get our HQ opened up again. What they don't seem to understand is when you close a club, there is nowhere to have branch meetings and people have to go elsewhere."

Mr Brown said the parade would set off from the former club on Londonderry Lane at 10.20am on Sunday. There will be bucket collections and poppy collections.

It comes as Sandwell Council announced all the road closures which will be necessary across the borough from 10.30am to midday on Sunday for Remembrance Sunday parades.

In Smethwick, the roads that will be closed will include Londonderry Lane, Coopers Lane, High Street and Firs Lane

In Oldbury meanwhile, closures will include Low Town, Birmingham Street, Halesowen Street, Church Street and Freeth Street.

Services to honour the fallen

REMEMBRANCE Day services in honour of those who lost their lives in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts will be held across the borough.

Services will be held at war memorials across Sandwell at 10.45am on Sunday.

They will take place at Wednesbury Memorial Gardens, Walsall Street; West Bromwich War Memorial, Dartmouth Park; Rowley Regis War Memorial at Powke Lane Cemetery; Oldbury War Memorial, Oldbury Civic Square; Smethwick War Memorial at Smethwick Council House in High Street; and Tipton War Memorial, Victoria Park.

Meanwhile, West Bromwich Town Hall in High Street will host a Festival of Remembrance at 7.30pm on the same day. Borough mayor Councillor Linda Horton said: "It's absolutely vital we stop to remember the sacrifices made."

Guard of honour at Albion match

West Bromwich Albion players walk past the Poppy Day guard of honour as they make their way onto the pitch

SOLDIERS formed a guard of honour for Albion and Crystal Palace players to mark Remembrance Day at The Hawthorns.

The gesture was organised by the club and the Royal British Legion to pay their respects on what was the closest home fixture to Armistace Day.

Players and fans also held a minute's silence in honour of all those who have given their lives in service.

The team also wore shirts which had been specially embroidered with poppies for the match on Saturday which ended in a 2-0 win. The shirts will now be signed by the players and auctioned online to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Members of the Blackheath Sea Cadets and Old Hill Army Cadets held a bucket collection outside the stadium.

Defender Liam Ridgewell also had poppies embroidered onto his boots.

Gurdev Bal, the Poppy Appeal organiser for the Birmingham area, said he was grateful for the support West Bromwich Albion had given the Poppy Appeal. Gurdev, who, like his sons, is a Birmingham Road End season-ticket holder, added: "The club's supporters have given generously in years gone by, especially when bidding for the match-worn poppy shirts.

"Their donations really do make a difference."

Proceeds will go towards the Legion's national target of £37 million to help its work delivering direct, practical care and support to the armed forces community.

NEWS in brief

Festive music from orchestra

AN orchestra has announced details of a festive concert.

The People's Orchestra, in West Bromwich, will be performing its Christmas Music by Candlelight show at the Malvern Forum Theatre on December 8 from 1.30pm.

The audience will also have the chance to join in with carols such as Hark The Herald Angels Sing, Once In Royal David's City, and O Come All Ye Faithful.

The People's Orchestra is a registered charity, with the ethos of giving everyone access to orchestral music.

It was originally set up to help school leavers continue playing.

Tickets for Christmas Music by Candlelight are priced between £9 and £16, plus Malvern Theatre's booking fee. Call 01684 892277 for more details.

Call centre staff hailed the best

CALL centre staff are celebrating after being crowned the best in the Midlands in a regional competition.

Housing organisation the Accord Group's customer first contact centre in West Bromwich was named as the best contact centre of the year for under 50 seats in the Midland Contact Centre Forum Awards 2013.

Launched four years ago, the centre has extended its opening hours and handles more than 90,000 inquiries a year.

Judges said the centre, at the group's office in Birmingham Road demonstrated 'a strong grasp of effective contact centre management'. Head of the centre Nev Gill, said: "We are overjoyed."

Pub to kick off funds road trip

A FUNDRAISING team from an Oldbury pub will be setting off on a road trip in aid of Children in Need.

The team of four from the One and Two Halves Fayre and Square pub is aiming to visit all 20 Premier League football grounds in just 24 hours.

The 'Monster Road Trip' will start at 10am next Wednesday at the Stoke City ground and finish at 10am the following day at Villa Park.

To sponsor the team, visit the pub on Joseph Street or log on to www.justgiving.com/Andrew-matthews360

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

I REFERRED recently to the anonymous blogger Enlightenment who, secure in his secrecy, had a right old rant at me. Mr Enlightenment has now set up a Twitter page where, inexplicably, he uses his full name. Hi, Phil!

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IT'S November and we are still picking fruit from the fig tree in our garden and have only just re-lit the solid-fuel boiler for the first time since April. If this is global warming, bring it on.

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IT IS already passing into legend that the Met Office was dazzlingly successful in predicting Monday's storm. The millions of folk living in central England will disagree. The forecasters repeatedly predicted that the storm would "sweep through the Midlands." It did not. Yet even after the storm had passed, the BBC was still reporting that it had "swept through the Midlands." The BBC version is now on the internet for all eternity. So when your grandchildren ask you about the Great Storm of 2013and you tell them it missed us by miles, they'll nod sadly and say: "Poor granddad. He's losing it."

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BUT then the BBC is hardly in touch with the nation. Last week Auntie Beeb got a ticking-off for relegating the Royal christening to the final item in some bulletins. Even stranger was the lead story on the Radio 4 lunchtime news a few days ago. According to Auntie the biggest news story of the day was the death at 89 of the British sculptor Sir Anthony Caro. The people's broadcaster, eh?

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WHAT do you dread most about the enforced companionship on trains? Is it crying babies, mobile-phone shouters, football fans or drunks? Prepare for a new horror. First Great Western has agreed to Hewlett Packard putting "brand ambassadors" on its trains to demonstrate their latest tablet computers to passengers. If a smiley-faced person with a tablet enters your carriage, I can only advise you to put on a football scarf, surround yourself with empty lager cans and start shouting into your mobile.

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AFTER my item on smart meters a few days ago, a lady tells me she had one installed, along with a new "state-of-the-art" (i.e. rubbish) boiler. She's not sure which she hates the most, the boiler or the meter. She says: "I've only plugged the smart meter in twice. I don't need a soppy little screen to tell me how to save money and look after the planet. What was wrong with the old meter, with numbers I could read and understand?"

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ANOTHER pointless leap forward for technology appears in a Christmas gift catalogue. It's an electronic key tag and fob designed for people who keep losing their keys. Simply fasten the tag to your keyring. If you lose the keys just press the electronic fob and it triggers an alarm on the tag. Brilliant – until you lose the fob.

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MEMBERS of a works syndicate in Bedford thought they had won £159,709 each on the National Lottery. Instead, owing to a miscalculation by Camelot, the jackpot worked out at £124,621 each. One member declares: "It has taken away the whole excitement of winning." Yeah. Getting £124,621 must be a real bummer.

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FOUR hundred years after it was written, Shakespeare's gore-fest Titus Andronicus, with its storyline of mutilation and cannibalism, still has the power to turn the stomach. The current Royal Shakespeare Company production claimed a couple of victims in a single performance a few days ago. One member of the audience fainted, another projectile-vomited in the stairwell. What a great play.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Apprentice idea to help cut young homeless

HOMELESS teenagers would be given accommodation and helped into work as part of a 'life-changing' scheme to be launched by a hospital trust.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell, Rowley Regis and City Hospitals, is drawing up plans for its Homeless Prevention Programme, aimed at getting 16-18 year old homeless people employment within the trust through its apprenticeship scheme.

It would see around £600,000 spent on refurbishing an old accommodation block opposite Sandwell Hospital.

The West Bromwich base would house the teenagers while they take part in the project, which would hope to get them into full-time work.

A business case for the programme will be discussed by the hospital's trust board.

In a report to the board, head of learning and development James Pollitt described the project as 'life changing for those involved'.

He adds that there are risks involved in the scheme, with one of the biggest being the attitudes and behaviours of those on the programme and those of trust staff.

"Employing people from the homeless community, many of whom have different attitudes, behaviours and values to those we have become familiar with will be difficult and risky," he states.

"That said, with training and development we can change those attitudes and behaviours."

He adds: "However, if life was risk-free and unchallenging how boring would it be? We can change culture, we can change attitudes and we can change the lives of many young homeless people, so let's take the risk and deliver the project."

It adds that a 'robust' recruitment and selection processes need to be adhered to and once suitable candidates have been identified they will be offered an apprenticeship with supported accommodation.

Apprenticeships will normally last 12 months and once complete, it is anticipated the apprentice will be selected to fill the vacancy that has supported the apprenticeship.

The trust hopes in the long term, the project will see a reduction in homelessness among young people.

Jail for banned driver who rammed police car

A DISQUALIFIED driver rammed a police car when an officer went to arrest him in the early hours of the morning – but claimed he thought it was someone else because he could not see clearly in the darkness, a court heard.

Stuart Jones, of Victoria Road, Tipton, arrived home on October 23 at around 2.30am and was spotted by an officer who knew he was a disqualified driver.

Sandwell magistrates heard last week that the officer blocked Jones's exit from his own driveway and walked from his police car carrying his truncheon.

Mr Robert Preston, defending 36-year-old Jones, said he had just returned from seeing his father at his home, where he was experiencing problems with other family members.

On seeing the officer, Mr Preston said 'all that my client saw was a man of a fairly indistinct form with something in his hand'.

Distance

He added: "There were no blue flashing lights and it was very late at night.

"He tried unsuccessfully to escape. He accepts that if you ram another vehicle that amounts to dangerous driving.

"It was at slow speed, there were no injuries and it was a very short distance travelled."

The court heard Jones had 82 different sets of convictions, including three previous driving whilst disqualified matters in recent years, and one matter of dangerous driving.

Mr Kulbir Paul, prosecuting, said the officer eventually smashed the driver's side window of Jones's Vauxhall Frontera and removed the keys from the ignition.

Jones admitted driving a motor vehicle dangerously, driving whilst disqualified and using a vehicle without third party insurance.

He was sentenced to 20 weeks in prison for the dangerous driving and a further six weeks to run consecutively for driving whilst disqualified.

He was given no separate penalty for driving without insurance.

Jones was also ordered to pay £500 compensation for the damage to the police car, and he was disqualified from driving again for 36 months.

Magistrates said Jones will need to pass an extended driving test before he is allowed on the roads again.

Karen's close shave for charity

Karen Hughes, deputy manager at McColls shop, had he head shaved for charity appeal

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised during a fundraising day at a West Bromwich shop which saw one staff member have her head shaved. The event on Saturday was held at McColls in Jowetts Lane and customers dug deep to raise at least £500.

Staff donned Halloween fancy dress, while those who visited could take part in a number of games, such as guessing the weight of a pumpkin, while deputy managers Karen Hughes had her head shaved.

Money raised will go to the Cardiac Risk in the Young charity which raises awareness of conditions that can lead to young sudden cardiac death and sudden death syndrome. Shop manager Amanda McKeary, said: "We all dressed up in Halloween clothes and had apple bobbing and raffles and competitions.

"It was a really good day and we have raised at least £500. Karen had her head shaved just for the fun of it. We had a mixture of customers and friends and family on the day, people just came in and had a play while they were shopping.

"We were really pleased with how much we raised, our customers did us proud.

She added: "This is the first charity event we have done as far as I am aware, but we will certainly be having more."

Orders breached within a week

A MAN breached two ASBOs just weeks after the orders were made, Sandwell Magistrates court heard.

Klinton Sulag, aged 20, had been given an interim anti-social behaviour order on May 28 but breached it on June 7.

He was made subject to another ASBO made on September 26 that he went on to breach on October 14. He was charged with two counts of breaching an anti-social behaviour order and pleaded guilty to both offences at earlier hearings.

Mr Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said the first order had been made after he caused havoc for residents in the Soho and Victoria areas of Smethwick.

He said on June 7 Sulag was seen by officers in Crockett Lane, Smethwick, which was inside the prohibited zone of the order.

In October he was in a car stopped by officers on Tollhouse Lane opposite the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick, with Edvis Pashaj, who he was prevented from being with under his conditions.

Mr Milo Turner, defending, described the second order as draconian as it prevented Sulag, of Poplar Avenue, Tividale, from being able to move around the area he lived in.

Magistrates gave him a year's supervision order, £100 costs, a £60 victim surcharge, a place on a thinking skills course and put him under a curfew.

Workshops on better cycling

MORE than 150 cyclists have already taken advantage of a project to help become better bike riders.

The region's transport authority, Centro, has been helping cyclists with their skills through workshops on bike repair and cycling training.

Each course is tailored to suit beginners, intermediate riders and advanced cyclists and those taking part can also pick up free advice on route planning and take part in led rides.

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Football banning order for smoke bomb fan

A FOOTBALL fan who brought a smoke bomb into The Hawthorns for Sir Alex Ferguson's 5-5 farewell match has been handed a three-year football banning order.

Manchester United supporter Matthew Barton admitted possessing a firework or flare at a sporting event on May 19. The 20-year-old had been due to stand trial, but changed his plea.

Vinny Bolina, spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service, said: "The offence took place in a game between Manchester United and West Bromwich on May 19 – the last game of the season. "The defendant was seen with it in his hand on CCTV and by stewards present. He was arrested and charged with possessing a firework or flare at a sporting event."

Barton, of Mell Stones, Chorlton Fold, Greater Manchester, was made subject to a three-year football banning order as well as being ordered to pay a £140 fine, court costs of £150, and a £20 statutory surcharge. The bench also made a forfeiture and destruction order for the smoke grenade.

Pc Martin Portman, from the Force Football Unit, welcomed the sentence.

He said: "It was a challenging match which resulted in a number of arrests of both home and away fans. Flares and fireworks at games are banned in the UK for a reason – they have the potential to cause harm and distress, and are a serious fire risk. Anyone found trying to smuggle in any pyrotechnic devices can expect lengthy football banning orders keeping them out of all British grounds and from travelling to matches abroad."

Manchester United fan Karl Henson also received a three-year football banning order after he was found guilty of throwing a smoke grenade during the same game after a trial in October. He was also given an eight-week jail term, suspended for 12 months.

Henson, of Salford, Greater Manchester, was found guilty of possessing a smoke grenade at a sporting event, on May 19. He maintained he picked up the smoke grenade after someone else activated it. Albion's senior licensee steward Patrick Cook, however. said he watched Henson holding the grenade in one hand, while both of them were above his head, before he threw the device. HGV driver Henson was ordered to pay £300 costs and an £80 victim surcharge.

Police step up patrols after thieves target coping stones

THIEVES have begun stealing bricks from garden walls in Sandwell in a bid to sell them on for cash. Police have now stepped up patrols after a spate of thefts were reported by householders Bearwood.

by Lisa Wright

Officers say that the thieves have been stealing blue coping stones from boundary walls and have launched an operation to crack down on the problem.

Sergeant Giles Dean from Smethwick police said: "These coping stones are important to the character of the area and we do not want any more victims of theft.

"We have acted quickly to put this initiative in place and have already contacted most reclamation yards to warn them that should they purchase stolen bricks we will be asking some serious questions.

Action

"This will make it more difficult for offenders to dispose of stolen bricks and hopefully deter them."

Abbey ward councillor Bob Piper said the stones sell for around £5 each which makes them attractive for thieves.

"I hope this action prevents more thefts," he added. In a bid to track down those responsible officers in the neighbourhood have started using Smart Water on the coping stones to make them identifiable if they are stolen.

The infra red liquid is not visible to the naked eye, however shows up under UV light and is not easily washed off, meaning it makes stolen items easily identifiable.

Officers will also be putting up signage in Bearwood to deter thieves which state that the operation is taking place in the area and reclamation yards are being warned that this is happening to get them on board.

It is not the first time Smart Water has been used to target thieves in the borough.

In Tipton, a scheme was piloted last year which aimed to identify stolen metal, to combat metal related crime.

The liquid was applied to drain covers and other metal items after funding to buy it was secured from the town's local area budget.

Councillor Bob Piper shows where thieves have been stealing coping stones from a wallin Lightwoods Road

Council is given new jobs status

SANDWELL Council has been recognised for its commitment to creating local job and training opportunities.

The council has become the first authority in the West Midlands to be awarded National Skills Academy for Construction status.

The award recognises that the council works with construction employers who train and support their work forces.

The authority is now one of just 15 organisations across the UK to have achieved NSAfC status, which is delivered by the Industry Training Board for Construction.

The council is building more than 700 homes across the borough.

The project is expected to generate more than £70 million in construction work and create more than 100 jobs with local employers.

Developers involved in the project have signed construction pledges to work with local suppliers and will team up with the council's 'Think Local' and 'Find It in Sandwell' schemes.

Appeal to help 315-mile ride

AN Oldbury Olympic torchbearer is calling on people to support her as she gears up for a charity cycle ride across the Himalayas.

Juanita Williams is taking on the 315-mile challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The 52-year-old hopes to raise cash in memory of her late father, Bob, former owner of Bob Mansell's Cycles in Smethwick High Street who was also a cycling coach for Sandwell schools. Juanita has raised more than £30,000 for Macmillan since 2005, riding in places like Peru, Vietnam and China. Visit justgiving.com/juannydoesindia to donate.

Thief targeted gym members

A PROLIFIC thief who targeted members of a gym in West Bromwich has appeared at Sandwell Magistrates Court.

Taimoor Ali, of St Pauls Road, Smethwick, pleaded guilty to taking a set of car and house keys from a locker at the Pure Gym, Astle Retail Park, West Bromwich, on February 25, which he used to steal a £7,000 Seat Ibiza. The 21-year-old was charged with burglary and theft of a car and He will be sentenced at crown court on December 2.

New location for mobility store

A SHOP which provides short and long-term mobility scooters and wheelchairs is celebrating after opening its doors at its new home in West Bromwich.

Shop Mobility Unit has moved from Queen's Square to New Square shopping centre. The service has also celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, Sandwell Council's deputy leader and cabinet member for towns and neighbourhoods, said: "Itis a huge boost to West Bromwich town centre and is proving extremely popular with shoppers. "We've always planned to move this important Shop Mobility service to New Square, helping people with mobility problems to visit the town centre and do their shopping."

The service is available from 8.30am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

School relaunched as academy

PUPILS have returned to school after the half term as it officially opens as an academy.

Wodensborough Community Technology College, Wednesbury, officially became an academy during half term and is now part of the Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT).

Now named Wodensborough Ormiston Academy, the school, which celebrated its best ever results this year, will build on its successes with the support of OAT, which is an experienced academy sponsor. An updated logo has been created and a phased plan has been developed for the uniform.

Principal Stephen Lanckham said: "Becoming an academy is the next stage of Wodensborough's quest to offer an outstanding education to our students. It will help us build on the solid foundation that has been created and will enhance the life chances for our young people."

NEWS in brief

Food company enjoys sales boom

SALES for a food company soared by almost a quarter last year. Boparan Holdings, which includes the 2 Sisters Food Group, said it saw a rise in sales of 23.3 per cent.

The company, which has chicken processing factories in West Bromwich, Smethwick and Wolverhampton, reported operating profit down 14.4 per cent to £92.2 million for the year to the end of July.

Sales were up from £2.33 billion to £2.88bn with like-for-like sales ahead by 5.6 per cent excluding the acquisition of Vion UK's poultry and red meat businesses.

Chief executive Ranjit Singh Boparan said: "Trading conditions have been very tough."

Final preparation for lots of laughs

A SUCCESSFUL theatre group is making the final preparations for its latest performance.

Charlemont Drama Society will be putting on It Runs In The Family by Ray Cooney at Pennyhill Primary School, Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich between November 13 and 16 at 7.30pm.

The farce focuses on a sluice room 18 years ago with a pretty young nurse, a punk rocker, a matron wielding a syringe, a wandering senile patient, and the hospital Christmas pantomime in production.

To book tickets call 0121 308 1596 or email hilld28@sky.com

Pub to be levelled for redevelopment

A WEST BROMWICH pub will be demolished to make way for new housing, after planning chiefs gave their backing.

Planning officers at Sandwell Council have given the go-ahead for The Queens Head Inn, Stoney Lane, to be levelled for redevelopment.

Documents submitted with plans say the demolition needs to take place to allow for the site's development.

Developer Raj Parekh had hoped to turn the pub into a restaurant, but later changed the plan to housing.

History revisited

A TUDOR day featuring dances by Gloriana Historical Society is being held on Saturday from 11am to 3pm at the Oak House Museum in Oak Road, West Bromwich.

NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

PITY the poor residents of Milton Keynes. Not only do they have to endure some of Britain's most unappealing architecture but the town is now going to be the testbed for an interesting new experiment in transportation.

The £65m scheme, remember that when they say there is no money to open your old railway line, will see self-driving electric cars whizzing around the town at speeds of up to 12mph.

Better than that, their navigation will be controlled by a smartphone app as they run along the pavements. So pedestrians in a busy town centre will in future have to share the footpath with driverless electric cars controlled entirely by mobile phone signals. What could possibly go wrong?

CASHING in on the success of the hit BBC2 period gang drama, enterprising members of the Digbeth Residents Association have started organising Peaky Blinders tours.

No matter that the show was filmed predominantly in Leeds, Liverpool and Dudley. Or that it was set not in Digbeth, but Small Heath. Visitors from as far afield as London, Suffolk and Scotland have been queuing up to spend an hour seeing sights such as the old Typhoo factory, and hear colourful tales about pitched gang battles, turf wars, or folk smoking at Digbeth coach station. Actually, I might have made one of those up, but you get the drift. Still if Digbeth can be turned into a tourist magnet, there's hope for us all.

YET what is really sad, as the Black Country celebrates bonfire night, is that so many people seem to be unaware of the central role this area played in the Gunpowder Plot.

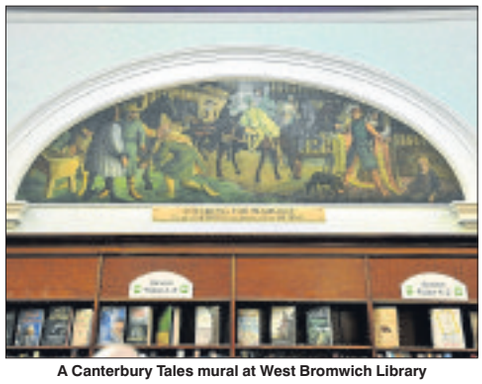
Holbeche House in Wall Heath, just outside Dudley, was the home of Stephen Lyttelton, one of the conspirators. It was there, after the plot had failed, that the fugitives took refuge. It was at Holbeche House where some of the plotters blew themselves to bits while drying their gunpowder by the fire. As you do.

And it was at Holbeche House where the last few stragglers were rounded up. You might now be thinking 'Really? When can we visit this place?'. Well, sadly, you can't.

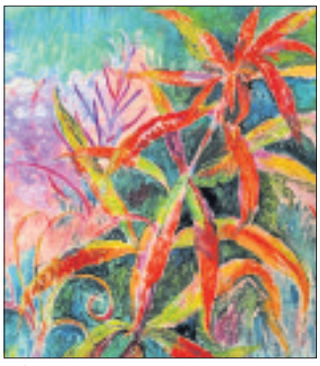
Holbeche House is now a nursing home. A very good nursing home, no doubt, and no reasonable person would decry the important work such institutions perform. But if Holbeche House had been in London, would it have ever been converted for such use?

Did it never cross anybody's mind that it should have been turned into a museum? So while coachloads of tourists flock to see the back streets of inner city Birmingham on the basis of a spurious link to a BBC2 drama series, one of the most significant sites of British history is all but forgotten.

Detail – Patricia's depiction of two nuns



A Canterbury Tales mural at West Bromwich Library



Colourful – a vibrant painting of flowers

At, 90, artist Pat has no plans to pack up palette

Pat Arnett has proven there's no age limit when it comes to art as a new exhibition shows off her work Tom Mason meets the artist

AN ARTIST who has created hundreds of paintings and murals over the last eight decades is being celebrated for her life's work.

Pat Arnett was stunned when, shortly after celebrating her 90th birthday, friends at Tipton Library announced a year of shows and exhibitions displaying her pieces.

The West Bromwich-born artist's talent for painting was spotted at a young age and she was offered a chance to try out for a scholarship at Cronehills School in the town.

Pat then secured a place at Ryland Memorial School of Art in Lodge Road, before studying at the world-renowned Slade School of Fine Art in London and winning the prestigious Richardson Scholarship at the University of London.

Murals

Her most recognised works are a series of large semi-circular murals representing Chaucer's Canterbury Tales that adorn the walls of West Bromwich Central Library.

They were painted shortly after the end of the Second World War.

She later painted the John Wesley mural for the library and another mural called the First Train Through West Bromwich.

Pat said: "I loved painting from a young age and started putting together proper compositions when I was around 15.

"I really enjoyed my time at the school and I probably learned more there, than I did anywhere else."

Patricia Arnett, who has recently celebrated her 90th birthday, with library manager Robert Hazel, organising an exhibition of her work

After finishing her studies in 1944 she went to work at a tile factory in Marlborough in Wiltshire where she produced and painted designs for more than a year.

She said: "The work was very repetitive and I was only reproducing other people's designs most of the time and I wanted to come home to my family." When she returned to the Black Country she went to work at Sutton Coldfield High School in Birmingham and taught art there for two years.

In 1950 Pat met her late husband Harold Harris, who had been an up-and-coming artist himself until an illness affected his ability to paint.

Pat, who works mainly in oils, said: "We had met before at our evening art classes before the war but I wasn't really interested, at the time I didn't feel I was the marrying type.

"We started going out sketching together and over time grew to love one and other."

The pair would later marry and eventually move into their home in Bilston Road, Tipton, where Pat continued to live until 2007, following her husband's death in 1982. Of the library murals, Pat said: "I was invited to do the mural by the head librarian Mr Hodge who was a baptist at the church on High Street in West Bromwich, where I had produced another 18ft tall mural."

Scenery

She has also produced other murals for Black Country companies including a large art installation for Mitchell and Butlers at a wine lodge in Birmingham, and work for The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon, creating scenery and sets for national productions including A Midsummer Night's Dream.

"I can't paint on the same scale as I once did, but I still love it," added Pat.

"I was very lucky to be given the talent that I have. I believe more elderly people should do something creative to keep them going."

Her most recent public work was a watercolour of the Tipton Slasher that was commissioned by Tipton Library's local history group.

An exhibition of eight of her pieces was recently on display at Wednesbury Art Museum and Gallery and they are a taster of a larger exhibition throughout Sandwell that will go on show next year.

Pat added: "I was so embarrassed when I was told that they were going to be showing my work, I am a very private person and I never expected this to happen."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A SAVE the pinta campaign was launched in the Midlands, with Co-operative societies being urged to write to their MP about the threat from imported UHT milk. The Co-operative Union said if imported milk flooded the shops at initially low prices, it could wipe out the doorstep delivery service.

THIS is what you call a dead-end job – a theatre was looking for an actor to play a corpse. Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre was seeking somebody to play the part of the murder victim in Tom Stoppard's The Real Inspector Hound. The candidate would be expected to lie motionless for 70 minutes, and would be paid £4.68 per performance.

A BONFIRE party at a children's home was cancelled because of a strike. The party at Braybrook House Children's Home in Wednesfield was scrapped because members of the Nalgo Union were involved in a pay dispute.

1993...

WOLVERHAMPTON had been identified as a possible site for a new factory belonging to German car giant Mercedes-Benz. A 200-acre site next to the M54 at Pendeford was on a shortlist of possible sites for the Stuttgart-based engineering company. Mercedes was looking to build a £700 million factory which would build 200,000 small cars a year.

OUTSPOKEN television doctor Vernon Coleman was banned from late-night debating show Central Weekend after a four-letter outburst live on air. Dr Coleman let rip during a debate among medical experts about the anti-depressant Prozac. Initially he branded the drug 'crap' and shouted 'morons' at two guests, but his language became more explicit towards the end of the debate. The shows presenters made an on-air apology but Dr Coleman was unrepentant.

2003...

THE owner of a G-registered Austin Maestro spoke of her shock at receiving a speeding ticket accusing her of driving at 480mph.Joanna James, who paid £100 for the car, was allegedly clocked when she drove along a road in Bridgend, south Wales. Husband Kenneth joked: "I am waiting for Nasa to ring up for the diagram of the engine."

IT WAS the end of the cul-de-sac for Liverpool soap opera Brookside, which drew to a close after 21 years. The drama, one of the first programmes to be shown on the new Channel 4 at its launch, welcomed back original cast member Paul Usher as bad-boy Barry Grant, for the final instalment.

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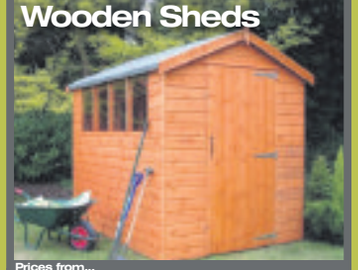

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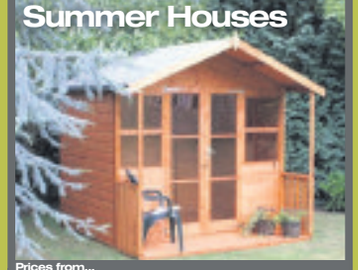

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LETTERS

Marines on trial flies in face of the past

THE year 1939 – the call-up of thousands of young men off to the Army, Navy, air forces.

We were all proud young men on the parade grounds who had been told we were called up to fight for King and country and our freedoms; the moral values; family; law and order; our democratic way of life; putting country before self – a country which was the envy of the world.

Moving on to 2013 and three Royal Marines are on trial for murder of a Taliban wounded terrorist because of new rules no doubt the Europeans have something to do with it. The Taliban murder our troops and have murdered over 400 and disabled many thousands and are training people to kill our people.

It is sickening how our politicians allowed these young Marines to get in this situation. They are worth so much more than the cowards of politicians who sent them to the unwinnable wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – it is they who should be put on trial not our fighting men. How you they stand at our war memorials on Remembrance Sunday and utter the words 'we will remember them', had it not have been for the millions of names on the walls, who sacrificed their young lives in the two world wars, none of them would be around today – some thanks.

I am now a very old former Royal Marine, one of the few left and we are disgusted with today's Members of Parliament, we shall be saying on the day – lads they have let you down, was it worth the sacrifices of two generations? They are too busy looking after themselves, they have no shame.

B ARCHER,
Churchfields Road, Wednesbury

An obvious answer on road deaths

REGARDING the junction of Brandhall Road and Wolverhampton Road in Warley and the tragic three deaths this year.

The obvious problem as with everywhere is the overwhelming increase in traffic and speeding since everyone is aware there are no film in the nearby speed cameras. This is a very busy spot with bus stops on either side of the road causing blind spots and a busy petrol stat-ion with cars coming and going.

The bus stops need to be moved thus opening up the junction. When you also add that there are cars waiting in the middle of the road to turn into Brandhall Road and the petrol station then you can see that there are plenty of accidents waiting to happen, and they do.

The perfect solution would be to put an island at the junction with Brandhall Road. This would maintain the flow of traffic while slowing down the speedsters.

M HIPKISS
Wolverhampton Road
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Hippodrome idea for rescue hit by criticism

FURTHER to Brian Osborne's letter (October 21) regarding Dudley Hippodrome, with all due respect Mr Osborne have you ever trod the boards of this former famous theatre? Or felt the buzz of the packed audience?

I have had that pleasure and I know if it once more became what it was meant to be, a landmark theatre, people would flock there to see live shows.

In my opinion to say Lenny Henry and 'The Friends of the Hippodrome' should contribute to the rescue is childish. To demolish this landmark where so many famous stars have trod the boards would be a sin, and I know I speak for many many people who feel the same as myself.

A WILLIAMS, Tipton

Churchyard transformed

MY MUM and dad are buried at St Mark's Church, Ocker Hill, Tipton. May I, the PCC and congregation take this opportunity to thank Friends of St Mark's – Jane Pitman and colleagues – for their excellent work and help in transforming the churchyard. It is nice to know people still care for their community.

M LOWE, Tipton

Speed limit madness on journey

I RECENTLY completed a mid-morning journey back from Stoke and cannot believe the variety of speed limits I have encountered.

As I entered the roadworks at Stafford South the signs and average speed cameras enforced a 50mph limit, which then dropped to 40 for no apparent reason before returning to 50 as the M6 Toll looms in the distance.

At this point I was faced with a continuation of road cones but the cameras there politely told me they're 'not in use', after which I entered the world of overhead gantry control, 60, 40, 50 take your pick.

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NEWS

New West Brom HQ looks to future

Work will start on the multi-level building in December

An artist's impression of the new West Brom building

The new reception area has a stylish modern design

WITH its crisp white walls and floors, twinned with glass furnishings, it could be the setting of a futuristic sci-fi film.

But this is a glimpse of the future of one of the region's bi-gest firms – and judging by the images, it's a future that is looking bright.

These artist's impressions show how the multi-million pound new headquarters of the West Brom Building Society will look, as it emerged work to build the site will start in December. Midlands-based firm Thomas Vale Construction was today announced as the main contractor for the 70,000 sq ft new building which will be located at Providence Place in West Bromwich town centre.

Construction is scheduled to start in December with an anticipated completion date of spring 2015, after which staff will relocate from the building society's current head office on High Street.

Combine

Planners at Sandwell Council approved the scheme in June.

Jonathan Westhoff, the West Brom's chief executive, said: "Thomas Vale is renowned for its ability to combine inspirational design, quality construction and project management experience of the highest order. After an extensive tender process, Thomas Vale emerged as our preferred candidate, reflecting their record and experience."

Mr Westhoff added that Thomas Vale will work alongside the existing design team, which includes Capita and Associated Architects.

The West Brom's new head office will accommodate up to 700 staff providing support for the building society's network of 37 branches.

It will also house an administration centre offering direct services for West Brom savings accounts, mortgages and investments. Mr Westhoff added: "With the announcement of the appointed construction company we are at a stage where people will soon see the development start to take shape."

NEWS

Magistrates 'sentence' charity to receive £500

Pictured at the donation handover in the court are, front from left, Helen Wright, of Better Understanding Dementia, Alice Vickers from Sandwell Young Carers, magistrate Dr Patricia Martin, chairman of the bench Graham Cole, and Wendy Dyche and Emma O'Brien from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

NEARLY 150 magistrates at Sandwell Magistrates' Court have donated a total of £500 to good causes.

Like all magistrates, the 144 volunteer justices at Sandwell annually pay into a fund that is normally used for things such as buying small retirement presents for those leaving the service.

But from January 1, Sandwell magistrates will be teaming up with those in Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley to serve the whole of the Black Country area, meaning they are having to distribute their fund.

So they have chosen five charities to be beneficiaries of the money, each receiving £100.

The cash was handed over to the Make A Wish Foundation, Better Understanding of Dementia in Sandwell, Sandwell Women's Aid, Sandwell Young Carers and Cancer Research on Friday.

Deputy chairman of the bench at the court, Wendy Dyke, said: "We decided we wanted to chose local charities rather than big multinational ones." Representatives from the five charities were invited to have tea and cakes with the magistrates, before being handed their cheques.

Chairman of the bench Graham Cole said: "We decided that we wanted to cover a broad spectrum, going for charities supporting the young and the old."

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NEWS

The future of health centre is uncertain

FEARS have been raised over the long-term future of a health centre that serves more than 35,000 people a year as it emerged the contract for services there could be extended by just 12 months.

by Tom Mason

Health bosses at Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group have confirmed a year extension from next May is among the options on the table for the Parsonage Street NHS Walk-in Centre in West Bromwich.

West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson said the news was 'deeply worrying' and vowed to fight against any attempt to close or downgrade the service.

Jon Dicken, chief operating officer for Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG, said: "Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group are working with a range of partners, including service providers, on a review of local urgent care services as we believe there are opportunities locally to improve services for patients.

"As part of the review we are developing an urgent care strategy to identify how we get the best results for our patients.

"To inform the strategy we have been talking to patients about their experiences of urgent care services to understand where changes and improvements can be made.

"We are working with the NHS England Area Team, which holds the contract with the service provider at Parsonage Street Walk-in Centre, with a view to extending the contract for a minimum of 12 months from May 2014.

"Parsonage Street Walk-in Centre is part of the local urgent care system and whilst the review of urgent care services is ongoing, no decision about the future of the centre, or any other local urgent care service, will be made."

Mr Watson responded by saying: "I am told the Clinical Commissioning Group is discussing the long-term future of walk-in centres as part of developing an urgent care strategy and the part they play in the local health economy.

"On average, there have been 35,923 visitors in each of the last three years to the walk in centre on Parsonage Street.

"To learn that its long-term future could be under threat is deeply worrying."

Familes enjoy boats, bangers and bonfire

Melissa Newell, four -year-old Livie Newell and Jo Hoare, all from Smethwick

THE night sky was illuminated with an array of colours as families flocked to bonfire night celebrations in Sandwell. Rockets shot into the sky and excited children waved sparklers as celebrations took place across the region.

And in Smethwick, hundreds of families gathered for the 22nd annual Birmingham Canal Navigation Society Bonfire Rally at the top of Smethwick Locks, off Rolfe Street. This year, 60 barges lined the water's edge.

Toolmaker Graham Tromans, aged 63, of Stone Cross, was there with his grandchildren Charlie, aged eight, and three-year-old Mia. He said: "Fireworks night is not like it used to be. We used to have them in our own back garden. Now everyone comes to these big organised events and it's more of a family night out."

Also attending was Melissa Newell, her four-year-old Livie Newell and Jo Hoare all from Smethwick. Melissa said they had all been looking forward to the event.

● There is a bonfire and fireworks event at Brunswick Park, Wednesbury, on Friday. Gates open at 5pm for this free event, with the bonfire lit at 6pm and fireworks to follow at 7pm. There will also be a fairground, live entertainment and hot food for sale.

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Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

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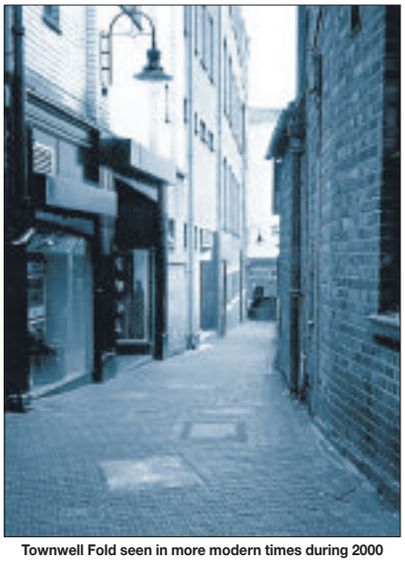
MEMORY LANE

Beatties' impressive Victoria Street, formerly Cock Street, frontage from the 1930s

A view of the fold from the early 1900s

Washing being dried at Giffard Arms Yard in Townwell Fold from the early part of the last century



Townwell Fold seen in more modern times during 2000

Beating a path to Beatties' first shop at Townwell Fold

by Joyce and Tony Perry

WOLVERHAMPTON: "Where they have but four weak springs to supply that large town, which too rise all together behind the Cock-Inn, having different names appropriated to their resp-ective uses, as the Pudding-well, the Horse-well, the Washing-well and the Meat-well."

These were the words of Dr Robert Plot writing in his Natural History of Staffordshire in 1686 about Townwell Fold.

No Darlington Street then, but Blossom's Fold did a dog-leg turn into Townwell Fold, where you walked past gardens of properties fronting Cock Street (Victoria Street) on your left, with, on the right, the Cock Bowling Green. The Cock was a long-established Inn going back to at least the early 1500s.

There was a field, Cock Close, and The Tenters, rows of hooked supports for hanging out cloth for stretching – we use the phrase 'on tenterhooks'.

Beyond a row of buildings was the Puddle Brook, with the wells offering clean water. Sheep may have grazed or been penned in the Close. Being next to these facilities, there might well have been wool and cloth trades workers present in the buildings.

The town's 1802 Trade Directory showed metal craftsmen trading in the Fold, but also a tanner and a currier (who dressed and coloured leather after tanning) – by 1861 we had Skinner Street – and there was still a wool connection at No. 6, described as a 'weaving shop'.

The Fold had branches off, such as Giffard Arms Yard, and spread as far as Salop Street.

Gradual redevelopment and ownership changes led to Beatties being the main frontager.

James Beattie had opened his first shop in Victoria Street in 1877, and the success of the business meant expansion, buying adjoining properties.

Walk around the store and go up and down steps to different levels – you may be entering Bradford's, which fronted Darlington Street, Burton's menswear in the 1932 Queen Square corner building with its elephants (look up between the windows), or into the shell of the Picturehouse Cinema, now haberdashery.

This closed when the 'Talkies' were coming in, and the council widened Victoria Street, in 1929, and so Beatties built their grand new frontage.

The crescent continued to ground floor level, where an arcade led through to the Fold.

Their frontage to the Fold, if refurbished, with entrances reopened and windows becoming displays again, could spark others to bring property back into use, and the council to improve and promote this once popular public route and reminder of the wool and cloth trade that made the town wealthy.

For further information read The Folds of Wolverhampton published by Brewin Books and log onto **www.wolverhampton-folds.co.uk** a website to inform people, promote the Folds and encourage their improvement, development and further use.

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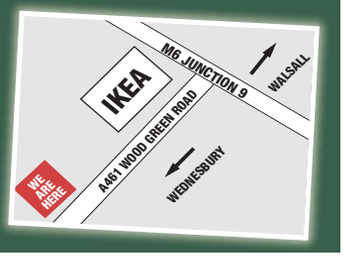

NEWS

£12.5m leisure centre reaching 'a milestone'

AN 'important milestone' in the development of the £12.5 million West Bromwich Leisure Centre has been reached. A topping out ceremony to celebrate it reaching its highest point will take place on November 20.

Councillor Steve Eling, Sandwell Council's deputy leader, said: "West Bromwich Leisure Centre will offer a state-of-the-art facility to meet the different needs of local residents.

"This is an important milestone for West Bromwich and Sandwell in continuing to provide excellent sport and leisure facilities for the residents of the borough to enjoy."

Representatives of thecouncil, DC Leisure and main contractor Pellikaan will be at the ceremony at the site of the development in Moor Street. Peter Kirkham, development director at DC Leisure, said: "We are very pleased with the building progress to date."

Exhibition will display options for old quarry

A PUBLIC exhibition was being held today (Thursday) to discuss proposals for the multi-million pound restoration of a Rowley Regis quarry.

Recycling and waste management company FCC Environment has already held a consultation on its long-term revamp plans for the Edwin Richards Quarry.

Now people are being invited to a second event to see updated plans which include housing.

The site, which is co-owned by Lafarge Tarmac, Hanson and FCC Environment, operated as a quarry for more than 100 years until work stopped in 2008.

Since then, the site has been mothballed. Residents were invited to give their views on the initial restoration plans at an exhibition in June.

Following feedback, FCC Environment has updated its proposals and is holding a new exhibition to show and discuss plans with the community before they are submitted to Sandwell Council in December.

The quarry site

Range

David Molland, senior planning, permitting and property manager at FCC Environment, said: "At the exhibition in June we asked visitors to tell us what type of use they would like to see the quarry area of the site put to once it has been fully restored.

"We received a range ideas and it was very encouraging to see that so many local people had an interest in the site's restoration.

"Many people wanted to see the site include public access, including footpath links from Portway Road to the golf course and the communities beyond and make the most of the open space which cannot be developed.

"We think we've struck a balance between providing the necessary elements which help deliver the restoration commercially and providing the long-term vision for the restored site.

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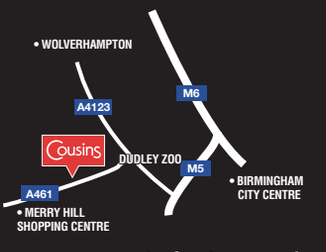

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Faggot-lovers fall foul of Facebook over use of word

Wendy Jones and her daughter, Cass Millership – banned from Facebook account

THE maker of the nation's favourite faggot has waded into the food fight being carried out by members of a group in Tipton and social media site Facebook. Members of three Facebook groups from Tipton are up in arms after being banned from the social media website for discussing their love of the delicacy.

Wendy Jones from Cradley Heath was one of the first people to learn that people were being banned for referring to 'faggots'.

She said: "I couldn't believe it when I heard people were being banned. We were only talking about the food we loved. I think it's absolutely ridiculous."

And she claimed members had also been banned for saying they were from the Black Country, as it contravenes the website's policy on racist posts.

"All of my family love faggots and peas and we are always having them," added the 45-year-old mother-of-six.

"I think something needs to be done, as people will just keep getting banned." "

Her mother Margaret Jones is one of those who has been temporarily barred, after she mentioned the word in a post about how ridiculous the situation was.

Solved

The 68-year-old from Tipton said: "I'm disgusted with Facebook's reaction to the word faggots. It's a delicacy in the Black Country.

"I have emphysema and can't go outside sometimes, but Facebook is my connection to my friends, family and the outside world."

But now Mr Brains the name synonymous with the tasty treat has spoken out.

A spokesperson for Mr Brain's commented: "We understand it's disappointing for people to be banned by Facebook, however we also appreciate that Facebook has to act responsibly concerning comments posted on their site.

"Hopefully Facebook has now solved the issue so that fans of Mr Brain's Faggots can once again comment freely without being inhibited."

The message received from Facebook

Robert Wilkes, who was born in Tipton but now lives in Somerset, said he had been banned from the website for 12 hours.

"I was one of the original people to receive a ban on Facebook for saying faggots," the 54-year-old said. It was in a food context as the group were discussing our favourite local dishes.

"I am ex-Tipton now living in the West Country, where faggots are also popular. I cannot believe that Facebook could not see the context of how this word was being used."

Another regular user who says she was banned was Janet Wilkinson, also from Tipton.

She said: "Faggots have been around for more than 100 years and while I appreciate it may have a different meaning in other countries, to us it's just a type of food."

A spokesman for Facebook claimed a single post had been removed due to an error, adding no-one should have been banned and all users should find their accounts back up.

Celebrate gold rush plea made

MEMBERS of a community association which is celebrating its 50th year in 2014 are calling for people who live in their town to come forward to help.

Tipton Community Association will be celebrating its golden anniversary in 2014 with special events throughout the year plus the publication of a commemorative book.

Now organisers are calling on all Tiptonians and past members to get in touch.

They are looking for photographs of any of the association's past events or scenes of Tipton in 1964.

Officials said the more memories that they could gather, the better.

For information visit www.tiptoncommunityassociation.com or email Barry Whitehouse at barrywhite house@blueyonder.co.uk

Fitness group for over-50s

A SPORT and fitness group for the over-50s is looking for new people to join its activities.

The group meets every Monday from 11.15am to 12.15pm at Tipton Sports Academy on Wednesbury Oak Road.

The sessions offer a choice of activities to keep over-50s active, and include a gentle exercise class, indoor bowls and badminton.

Each session costs £3.50 and there are discounts for Sandwell Leisure Trust leisure pass members.

Hard work gives boost to charity

WOMEN worked hard to help raise more than £1,000 for a cancer charity.

The three-hour sponsored 'aerobathon', at Tipton Sports Academy, was led by four Sandwell Leisure Trust instructors.

A total of 25 ladies took part in one hour of aerobics, one hour of Zumba and one hour of step aerobics.

Sponsorship totalled £1,095, which is being donated to Cancer Research UK.

Tipton Leisure Centre site fitness co-ordinator Laura Fisher, who organised the event, said: "The ladies all worked really hard and had a great time."

Homes plan for old pub

PLANS have been drawn up to turn a pub that has been a magnet for troublesome youths into two apartments.

The scheme is for The Little Burton Inn, Alexandra Road, Tipton. The proposal is to turn the first floor into the homes.

Architect Christopher Smithwrote in plans: "This application forms the basis of regeneration of the building and the site, which will guarantee the long-term presence of the building in this prominent location."

Festive fair

A CHRISTMAS fair will be held at St Johns Church Hall, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, on Saturday from 2pm. Entry is 30p.

NEWS

Love it, or hate it – £5m unit has Marmite effect

by Tom Mason

DESPITE looking like a colour-limited life-sized Rubik's Cube that can be seen for miles around, a developer insists that this controversial landmark is helping to put the area back on the map.

The building has polarised opinion from residents and businessman in the area, as the StorageBase warehouse off Junction nine of the M6 in Wednesbury, is either loved or hated.

Work on it began last November and once completed it will contain around 1,000 self-storage rooms.

Landscaping

Opus Land Development, the company behind the construction of the 112,000 sq ft warehouse, has already completed the exterior and is currently fitting the interior and beginning work on landscaping the site.

Richard Smith, managing director for Opus Land, said: "The building is in a position where it is passed by thousands of motorists a day and really put's the area back on the map.

"I was on site the other day and I think the building looks brilliant."

However, it has been heavily criticised by local residents and councillors who described the red, white and grey building as a 'monstrosity'.

They also raised concerns about the warehouse's long opening times and proximity to the already busy motorway junction.

"There is always going to be some people who don't like when a building like this is constructed," said Mr Smith. "But I've spoken to people walking past the site and I have had a number of them say how much they like it. Not only that but it also shields homes from the sound of the M6 and blocks their view of the motorway."

It's a love-hate thing – the StorageBase warehouse off the M6 junction nine

The development will create six jobs, and will be available to be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr Smith added: "There is a real demand for buildings like this from small businesses that need additional space to help their business expand.

"This isn't only going to create jobs at the centre – it potentially has the chance to create a much larger economic impact for the area."

The building was granted planning permission by Sandwell Council's planning committee in September last year, despite a petition against it.

Opus Land is also working with St Francis Group on the neighbouring 22-acre Opus Blueprint site that is expected to create up to 500 jobs and is also in early talks with Sandwell Council to develop an area of land off Kelvin Way in West Bromwich.

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NEWS

Deal signed on centre to support sufferers

A £3 MILLION contract has been awarded to developers to build a new dementia resource hub in West Bromwich.

The new centre at Edward Street Hospital will support people in the Black Country who are living with the condition, as well as their families and carers.

The ground floor of a building at the hospital will be redeveloped to create the centre, which will include sensory rooms, information centre and community cafe.

The centre will also include cultural heritage areas to preserve individuals' sense of identity. The hub will also have areas showcasing dementia-friendly products to help people live at home for longer.

The project, known as the Lighthouse, will be run by Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

It has awarded the £3m contract to build it to Integrated Health Projects.

The design of the hub was developed by staff, patients, carers, commissioners and voluntary organisations including Edward Street Hospital League of Friends.

Karen Dowman, chief executive of the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, said:

by Simon Stone

"The Lighthouse project will be a beacon of hope and support for people with dementia and their families. It will provide a hub of resources where individuals and their families can find fulfilment, hope and meaning for life.

"The design will meet current and future needs as the high number of people in the Black Country with dementia continues to grow. We have approximately 3,000 patients in our dementia service and every year we receive 1,200 new referrals." It is hoped that the project will be completed in April 2014.

Mike Voss, regional director of IHP, Building Division – Midlands, said: "We are delighted to kick-start the redevelopment of Edward Street Hospita. IHP has built some of the most impressive healthcare facilities across the country."

Ben's sweet deal to add Sugar to his cafe

Former Young Apprentice hopeful, Ben Fowler, 18, who has opened up a coffee bar called Benno's in Halesowen

FEW teenagers leaving college in a bid to get their businesses off the ground can call on the advice of one of Britain's most notorious business bosses.

But Ben Fowler has a contacts book to envy even the biggest company chiefs with Lord Sugar backing his new business all the way to the top. Ben was plucked from almost 30,000 hopefuls at the tender age of 16 to star in the second series of the Young Apprentice in a bid to win a £25,000 prize from the business magnate.

And even though he missed out on winning the overall contest, the former Oldbury College of Sport pupil has pursued his dream to start up his own business –with a little help from his family. Now aged 18, the aspiring businessman has opened his own eatery, in Halesowen Road, Halesowen, called Benno's Baguette Bar and Coffee Shop.

"I've been emailing Lord Sugar and he has been great – he even helped by giving me a reference to my landlord," Ben joked.

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NEWS

Axe falls on spectacular for festive celebration

A WINTER spectacular that attracts thousands of visitors has been axed from the Christmas programme of events.

Bearwood on Ice, which features German market-style stalls and an ice rink, has been held at Lightwoods Park in Smethwick for the past two years.

by Lisa Wright

However, organisers said following bad weather last year and the time of the school holidays, they would not be holding the event this year.

Bearwood on Ice was first staged in the town in 2011 and saw more than 18,000 people enjoy the inaugural event.

The spectacular ran at the park in the week leading up to Christmas and last year it ran from December 15, right up until December 23.

Music

As well as the synthetic skating rink, visitors enjoyed music, a fun fair, giant inflatable slides, bouncy castles and Bearwood traders selling a wide range of seasonal food, drink and gifts for all ages and tastes. However, the event was plagued by bad weather, which is one of the reasons this year's event has been shelved.

Richard Marshall, chair of the Friends of Lightwoods Park, said: "It wasn't as successful last year because the school holidays hit us at the wrong time and the weather was really, really bad.

"This year the school holidays are even worse-timed with the kids only having about two to three days after they break up for Christmas so we are going to leave it for this year.

"The park is going to start getting done up over the next year and we think it was a novelty the first year which was why it was such a success, but we don't like to do things by halves.

"We are still talking about maybe having a circus in there but we don't know yet."

Kieran proves to be hero for good cause

Kieran Corcoran, aged 13, with his brother, Patrick Corcoran, 22, and charity trustee Tim Andrews

A SCHOOLBOY has been doing his bit for a good cause by hosting a week of fundraising at a pub in the Black Country. Kieran Corcoran is raising money for Help Harry Help Others and has been selling charity bracelets at his mother's pub, The Bell and Bear in Rowley Regis.

The 13-year-old, who attends Hagley RC High School, has also completed a sponsored walk and people are now invited to drop in to the pub and lend their support to the fundraising efforts. Mother Steph Cox, landlady at the Gorsty Hill Road pub, said: "He sells bracelets in the pub, he has had a pack so people can make their own bracelets. He did a sponsored walk with my husband a couple of weeks ago and raised over £100."

An exercise bike has been installed at the pub where customers have paid £3 to cycle the minimum of a mile in contribution to the total. Anyone who wants to support the fundraising can make a donation at the pub.

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£130k bank gang driver will pay back just £3.70

THE getaway driver for a gang of bank robbers that made off with more than £130,000 has been ordered to pay back just £3.70.

Jamal Mahmood, aged 23, has been told to pay the paltry sum despite there still being more than £92,000 unaccounted for after the Co-op bank raid on West Bromwich High Street in November 2011.

That's because the money, just 10p more than a full one-way journey on the Metro, is all that is available to Mahmood, from Eastwood Street, Streatham Vale, London.

At a brief Proceeds of Crime Act hearing at Birmingham Crown Court last Tuesday, Mahmood was given 28 days to pay the money, which will be given to the Co-op as compensation, or must face an extra day in jail in default.

During the hearing, to which Mahmood had waived his right to attend, Judge Simon Drew QC found that he had benefited from £92,831 – the amount which has still not been rec-overed. His defending barrister, Miss Briony Molyneux, said this was not something Mahmood agreed with.

Recruited

He was one of six men jailed in March for his part in the masked bank raid, being handed 10 years in jail. Mahmood drove the getaway vehicle after the bank was stormed by fellow Londoners Ashley Douglas, 29, of Lambeth, and twins Ibrahim and Akim Lyazi, 19, of Tooting. Douglas was given 12 years while the twins were handed 10-year sentences.

Ringleader Shakeel Rafiq also received a 10-year sentence while the sixth man, Mohammed Masud, who recruited the London team, got five years. Rafiq and Masud, both 31, and both from Roebuck Lane, West Bromwich, also appeared before the court to decide how much each should repay.

Getaway driver – Jamal Mahmood

Rafiq faces having to sell the home he co-owns with his father after Judge Drew QC made him subject to a confiscation order of £48,262, while Masud has been ordered to pay back £2,000 as that is all he has available.

Douglas has been told to pay just £4.92, as that is all he has to his name.

Firefighters in award win over safety

WEST Midlands Fire Service has won a national award for a system that helps firefighters to assess their personal safety at incidents. Injuries at incidents fell from 51 in 2011/12 to 23 in 2012/13.

In light of the drop, the brigade's STAR model has been named as the Best Health and Safety Achievement in Public Services at the Safety and Health Practitioner; Institution of Occupational Safety and Health Awards.

Judges praised the research and planning that had gone into STAR, providing firefighters with a framework within which to work. The system masks firefighters to 'Stop, Think, Act, and Review' when faced with new or unexpected hazards and when working without direct supervision.

Phil Hales, assistant chief fire officer of the West Midlands, said: "Our firefighters' safety is paramount. This system is a great example of frontline and health and safety staff working closely together."

Councillor John Edwards, chairman of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, added: "The STAR safety model was developed to keep our firefighters safe at incidents, but it can be applied across a range of

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LOVE is a second chance of romance, embracing life and sharing smiles – lots of them. For retired couple Gillian and John, sharing time together, enjoying holidays, meals out and trips to the theatre, life has opened an unexpected new chapter of happiness after they both lost their partners.

Their laughter is infectious and their zest for life inspirational. The widow and widower, both young 70-somethings, met at a mutual friend's golden wedding party and the rest, as they say, is history.

But John didn't only discover a new soul mate, he also found a new patient for denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng).

Principal of the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, Steven says: "They're such refreshing company and I am thrilled they are so happy together.

"But I'm also pleased we were able to resolve a long-standing lower denture problem for Gillian as well as create a lovely warm smile for her that suits her personality."

John recalls he was first to attend the Denture Clinic after spending nearly four years "perusing stories in the papers" about Steven's work.

Like many denture wearers he had encountered stabilisation problems with his lower denture as gums receded with the normal ageing process. "I knew I had to get something done because when I was driving my lower teeth could dance up and down," says John.

Crunchy salads

Steven referred him to dental implantologist Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the denturist has along-standing professional relationship.

"I decided to go for an implant-retained over-denture which clips on to two fixings. I would never let anything stop me from enjoying a meal out before I had the implants, but things are great now. I can have steak, eat crunchy salads and feel free to have anything off the menu," he says.

Gillian had endured a similar stabilisation problem for two years and was persuaded by John to see Steven because her dentures "were always loose."

Again an implant-retained over-denture was prescribed and Mr Pugh also rebuilt Gillian's upper front teeth with crowns. The results are obvious: Natural looking, functional teeth and an engaging smile.

"Previous dental treatment could never resolve my problems. If I ate out I'd have to order soft options , but I put up with it," says Gillian.

"We laugh a lot, smile a lot and enjoy life. This is my 'me' time," she adds.

And what of their experience at the Denture Clinic? "Steven is like family to us," says John.

Steven added: "By using implant retained over-dentures we can guarantee to resolve stability issues. We prescribe and produce our dentures on the premises and it means I can be fastidious about quality."

Options

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Extra places filled thanks to school's growing reputation

MOAT Farm Junior School Trust enjoys a good local reputation and is always oversubscribed. As a result the governors are pleased to announce that the extra Y3 class created for this September was filled successfully and we are again offering 120 places in year 3 for September 2014.

At Moat Farm we do things differently. We work alongside our Trust Partners The Albion Foundation, Barnardo's and Sandwell College to deliver a diverse and dynamic curriculum.

We were rated 'Good' by Ofsted in June 2013 who commented that 'the range of subjects and topics that pupils study is wide and varied'.

Progress

Our pupils are taught within a caring and supportive environment where pupils and staff enjoy warm relationships and pupils enjoy learning and strive to do their best.

Parents are pleased with the quality of teaching and the progress their children make during their time at Moat Farm.

Our pupils have good attendance and believe in the ethos of 'Every Day Matters' leading to an attendance figure currently of 97.3 per cent which is well above the Sandwell average.

Our pupils also perform well, making good progress from the time they enter the school to when they leave.

All of our pupils have access to extended services both before and after school and during the holidays. We also offer three residential visits a year to enable children to experience a range of outward bound activities away from home.

If your child will be starting in Y3 next September and you would like to take advantage of the extra places we are creating, please pick up a prospectus from the school reception.

The school has a remarkable attendance figure for its pupils – 97.3 per cent

Moat Farm Junior School Trust

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The Governing Body is pleased to announce that the extra Y3 class was filled successfully this September and we are again offering 120 places in Y3 for September 2014.

Anyone interested in seeking a place should contact us for a prospectus and further information about the application process.

- Rated 'Good' by Ofsted in June 2013 who commented that
  'Pupils make good progress from the time they enter the school to when they leave.
  'Teaching is consistently good and outstanding'
  'Pupils feel safe in lessons and around school,
  behaviour is good and pupils show a positive attitude towards learning'
  'The range of subjects and topics that pupils study is wide and varied'
- Excellent school attendance currently 97.3% which is well above the Local Authority average.
- Pupils have access to a range of extended services both before and after school and in the holidays.

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Sandwell athletics sprints ahead

Sandwell Leisure Trust's 'Girls in Athletics' programme has had a phenomenal 2013 by winning six awards with possibly more on the horizon.

The athletics and volunteering programmes have been awarded three regional and three national accolades including Best Regional Athletics Programme and Partner presented by England Athletics.

The programme was also recognised nationally with the Darren Campbell 'Kids Count' Inspiration award, presented at the House of Commons, and the Volunteer of the Year award given to 20 year old athlete Tannika Burgess.

The Sandwell 'girls in athletics' programme aims to encourage girls in disadvantaged areas to take part in the sport.

Encouraged from local schools, girls showing athletic promise are entered onto the programme to train, develop their skills and take part in regional and national competitions.

The girls are also part of an award winning volunteering programme where they learn to lead on programmes and initiatives and are taught to coach the next generation of athletes. The programme helps them to gain the qualifications they need to help prepare them for the future.

England Athletics said: "Four amazing young women led the way through the programme; Tannika Burgess, Ann Ika Oqua, Megan Dixon and Jodie Harrison.

"They have picked up several young sports team and individual awards for Sandwell over the years, but the prestigious national recognition is a real honour. SLT has run many programmes of athletics and leadership, and in addition to the girls' aspirations for England, GB, international and world and Olympic games, this makes the volunteer work they put in just all the more amazing."

Howard Court, Athletics Development Officer, said: "We were praised for bucking the national trend with girls' retention and volunteering, especially in a deprived area like ours. It was good to be recognised as we have been doing it for years!"

He continued: "Tannika is the outstanding young volunteer of her generation and is already a winner of national awards for taking athletics to the community to the under privileged, disadvantaged and people with disabilities in Sandwell."

The athletics programme is run by Sandwell Leisure Trust's Sports Development and Physical Activity Team. The team were recently awarded the score of 'excellent' in the independent national quality scheme Quest. They were the first team in the country to achieve this score.

For more information on Sandwell Leisure Trust's athletics programme, contact the sports development and physical activity team on 0121 506 4980 or visit www.slt-leisure.co.uk

Jodie Harrison, Megan Dixon, Tannika Burgess, Ann Ika Oqua and Howard Court with one of the national awards.

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NEWS

Pub's marquee stays

A PUB known for its indoor barbecue and curried food has been allowed to keep its beer garden marquee and extended paved outdoor area by planners. Just last week The Vine, in Roebuck Street, West Bromwich, was crowned National Curry Pub of the Year by National Curry Week.

Planning officers have now allowed a marquee at the rear of the venue, which replaced a tent. Bosses have also been allowed retrospective permission for a slabbed area.

The Vine saw off competition from dozens of competitors around the country. Suki and Bhanu Patel, who have been running itfor more than 35 years, along with their children, Bharat and Hema, said they were thrilled.

Benefits of HS2 are not proven, says council boss

THE leader of Sandwell Council has waded into the debate on high-speed rail by saying that the benefits for the Black Country still remains unproven – despite the controversial scheme getting the full backing of Birmingham chiefs.

Darren Cooper

Councillor Darren Cooper has outlined his criticisms of the new £42.6 billion rail project, which will connect London and the North of England by 2016 and cut down time spent travelling to Birmingham by more than 20 minutes.

"My own view is based fair and square on how much good HS2 would do Sandwell and the rest of the Black Country," he said.

"And I have to say for me the case is still unproven.

"It seems to me most of HS2's much talked about economic benefits will flow to London – and I therefore wonder why thousands and thousands of people living elsewhere should have their home lives disrupted.

"What's more, I'm far from convinced that the new line will necessarily improve journeys for people travelling from Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Dudley."

Entitled

He also said that he was upset by the comments of his counterpart at Birmingham City Council, Sir Albert Bore, who warned Labour leader Ed Miliband that a negative message on the HS2 project would lead to a 'protracted public conflict' between the party leadership and Labour-led core cities like Birmingham.

"He's entitled to his views, of course, and I respect them," said Councillor Cooper. "But people shouldn't run away with the idea that on this issue Sir Albert represents the views of all his colleagues in local government."

Plans for a high speed line were first introduced by Gordon Brown's government in 2010 when it announced that it was committed to building a new high-speed rail line linking London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester.

Since then the project has been continued by the coalition government and the cost of the scheme has sky rocketed to £42.6bn, including £28bn for the line and £14bn in contingency funding.

Councillor Copper added: "Aggressive public diplomacy by big city leaders is neither helpful nor productive.

"The public has a right to question the advantages and disadvantages of such a large investment of taxpayers' money."

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The brainchild of local couple Gerald Lloyd and his wife Jayne, the pub has been developed to offer quality live entertainment and also catering for the ever popular karaoke fans of the area.

A strong, secure atmosphere is present at the family run venue and locals are well catered for. There has been a pub at the location since 1825 and The Knights Quest was developed from the venue that was managed by Gerald's uncle for twenty four years.

Having saved the pub from demolition in 2003 the family now run the business to a very high standard with quality acts performing in a friendly safe environment and The Knights Quest were the founders of Sandwell Pubwatch, an organisation that has done much to improve pubs and the wider areas in Blackheath.

All types of functions and parties can be catered for and there is a large car park as well as an outside area for customers to enjoy.

At The Knights Quest we pride ourselves on serving quality food at value for prices and cater for all tastes. Our specialities include excellent steaks and grills that are guaranteed to satisfy any appetite. Our full menu is available Monday to Saturday - lunchtime food from 12 noon until 2.30 pm and evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm, and we have a special Anniversary Offer on Carvery at only £3.45 featuring a choice of meats and a full selection of vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire puddings.

Having kept regulars and locals happy for the last ten years, Gerald and Jayne now look forward to continuing with their quest and welcome regular customers along with residents who have not yet visited The Knights Quest to come along and join in the Anniversary celebrations.l Tickets are now available for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and bookings are being taken for Christmas Party Nights throughout December.

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Get your teeth into The Full English for a treat

The Full English – Various

THIS is the album which has come out of the massive project from the English Folk Dance and Song Society(EFDSS).

The organistaion has produced a huge online database giving access to thousands upon thousands of folk music tracks and song sheets, poems and information which previously has been stored in hard copy and where you had travel to see any of them.

From this, Fay Hield scoured the archives, and came up with the album The Full English which features some of the best folk musicians around today including singer/songwriter and academic Hield.

Musicians such as Hield, Seth Lakeman, Martin Simpson, Nancy Kerr and Sam Sweeney have taken traditional folk tunes and songs and rather than just play them as they were written, have put their own interpretation on them.

The Full English line-up

Hield opens the album with her unadorned voice for a wonderfully traditional ballad Awake Awake.

From this opening track alone you realise this is a gorgeous album which captures all that is good about folk music and British musical culture.

The second track Stand By Your Guns is the unmistakable sound of the immensely talented Lakeman and comes with the full sound you can expect from someone who can seemingly play every instrument known to man.

The album has wonderfully earthy instrumentals such as William and Nancy which is like a time machine as you listen to the fiddle playing you are transported back to the roots and humble beginnings of so many of the songs which have become almost anthems for folk fans.

Creeping Jane is a fantastic track with Martin Simpson's clear voice bringing it to life. The full group is made up of Hield, Lakeman, Simpson, Nancy Kerr, Sweeney, Rob Habron and Ben Nicholls.

Between them they have created a sound which epitomises just how rich, wonderful and evocative British folk music can be.

The Full English is more than just an album, it's almost a history of our musical landscape with its essence captured on disc. The Full English is out now on Topic Records.

Stainton's word is good

Word Games – Lisbee Stainton

THE opening track Red Dog Running certainly makes you sit up and take notice, straight away you get the sound of Stainton's voice clear and flowing without effort.

Word Games has the fingerprints of some of the top names on the folk circuit on it, not least of which is Seth Lakeman.

With Red Dog Running there is more than a hint of Kate Bush both about her sound and style with the mixture of booming beat which drops out to her soft voice before going back to the boom.

This gives way to Navigating which singles out Stainton's voice more than the previous track. Eloise is a pretty commercial sounding pop song. This moves into the more playful Make Me Stay, which she co-wrote with Irish songbird Eleanor McEvoy who will be guesting on Stainton's tour. Dance With Me has a much more sultry sound while Fool's Gold is a much more mature ballad with its melancholy melody.

Pulse is a gorgeously mellow and haunting song accented beautifully by a single drum beat and gentle picking of the banjo. The title and last track, Word Games, is a slow thoughtful ballad which is almost lazy in its execution and has a lovely quirky opening strand.

Word Games, like so many folk albums now, seems to be trying to straddle the line between the traditional and the commercial pop world. Stainton starts her tour on November 7 in the Artrix Bromsgrove

Lowings' voice is almost ethereal

Deepest, Darkest Night EP
Kim Lowings and The Greenwood

THIS is Lowings' second offering after her full album she has the perfect voice for folk/acoustic music it's soft, ethereal and has a fantastic range.

Off to Sea is a wonderfully gentle, tuneful and lyrical song which can carry you off to other worlds. The Cruel Mother is a traditional storytelling folk song which brings to mind June Tabor as Lowings exercises the deeper part of her range and the drums and fiddle add a brooding, eerie harmony. Annie Laurie is another traditional ballad which has a Scottish feel. No recording will ever really do justice to Lowings' voice it's best to go and see her live. Visit www.kimlowings.com.

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New date for Arctic Monkeys

ARCTIC Monkeys have rescheduled an appearance at Birmingham's LG Arena after leaving thousands of fans disappointed when they cancelled hours before a gig.

Lead singer Alex Turner has been diagnosed with laryngitis and was unable to perform last week. The band will return on November 20. All tickets will remain valid.

Leo to make you feel like dancing

GUARANTEED to make you feel like dancing is Leo Sayer and his all star Australian band who are calling in at Bilston as part of their worldwide tour.

He will be bringing back all the old favourites like You Make Me Feel Like Dancing, Thunder In My Heart, When I Need You, Long Tall Glasses, and many more at the Robin 2 this Saturday.

Tickets are £27 (advance) and £27.50 on the door.

Finding Way to Newhampton

FOLK group Pilgrims' Way will be bringing their particular brand of traditional music to Newhampton Folk Club this Saturday.

The band will be playing at the Newhampton pub, Riches Street, Whitmore Reans at 8.30pm. Pete Shirley will be supporting. Tickets are £8 advance, £10 on night. Call 01902 820958 or 340603

Festive favourite should be right up your street

THIS is a real gift for theatre lovers as Miracle on 34th Street, based on one of the most popular and best-loved Christmas films of all time, pays a festive visit to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre as part of the UK Premiere Tour.

Based on the 1947 motion picture it is the heart-warming story of Susan, a young girl who dreams of a father and brother to make her family complete, and Kris Kringle, a kindly old bearded man who claims he is the real Santa Claus.

When he is employed as a Santa at a department store grotto run by Susan's mother, he quickly spreads a wave of love through New York City.

But Susan has always been told by her mother that there is no such thing as Santa so can he really help make her wish come true? This all-singing, all-dancing musical adaptation is an uplifting family tale of battling cynicism and learning what it truly means to believe.

Awards

It runs at the Grand from next Thursday (14) to Saturday (16) with evening and daytime performances.

Miracle on 34th Street originated as a 1947 motion picture starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn. The film became a perennial Christmas favourite, winning three Academy Awards and being nominated for Best Picture.

If you miss it at the Grand it is moving down the road to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre where an extra date has been announced due to the demand for tickets. It is due to run there from Thursday, December 5 to Saturday, December 7. The extra matinee performance is on December 6 at 1pm.

Lowings adds new tour date

STOURBRIDGE singer/songwriter Kim Lowings has added a new date to her latest tour which is promoting her EP Deepest, Darkest Night.

Lowings who plays with The Greenwood, which is a collective of local musicians, will be appearing at The Hinckley ACT, Leicestershire for the first time on December 13.

Support

Lowings, who has been touring for most of the year, will also be playing in Kings Norton, Birmingham on November 17 at Lobelia's Lazy Sunday Songwriter Sessions at the Tower of Song from 8pm.

The following night the trio, Tim Rogers on percussion and Andrew Lowings on guitar, will be playing at the Warwick Folk Club at the Warwick Arms Hotel, High Street.

Then they will be back in Birmingham supporting the legendary Martin Simpson at the Red Lion Folk Club, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath on November 27.

Cutting edge of Lawnmower

James Acaster on the road with UK tour

COMEDIAN James Acaster is following his hit Edinburgh show with a UK tour that reaches Birmingham later this month.

Lawnmower, Acaster's sell-out Edinburgh Fringe performance, was shortlisted for Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award best show. Now, the comic is on the road with his critically-acclaimed act.

Acaster will reveal on the 31-date tour how he's attempting to clear Yoko Ono's name, why he continues to dress head to toe in Marks & Spencer and the reasons why he's obsessed with Mariachi music.

Nominations

Since winning Off The Kerb's Laughing Boy New Act of the Year in 2010, Acaster has gone on to receive critical acclaim for his Edinburgh shows, including award nominations in 2012 and 2013.

As well as appearing on stage, the funnyman recently recorded 'James Acaster's Findings' for BBC Radio 4.

In August 2010, he performed as part of BBC's 'Stand Up on the Street' during the Edinburgh Festival, while TV appearances have included Russell Howard's Good News, Dave's One Night Stand, Show and Tell , Live at The Comedy Store and the Edinburgh Fest Comedy Gala.

James Acaster performs at the Glee Studio in Birmingham on Sunday, November 28. Call 08714 720 400 for ticket details.

REVIEW

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, Symphony Hall

NEARLY 1,700 in the audience and no programmes left at half time, that's how popular the great Karl Jenkins is.

His ardent band of followers were not left disappointed as the two-hour programme punched out nods to the old from his Palladio orchestral opener to the choir's beautifully-syncopated Paradisum from his Requiem which closed the first half.

Inbetween there were excerpts from the less well-known Stabat Mater, which was glorious and The Peacemakers, which has still to grow on me.

Expense

The second half was taken up with his anti-war Armed Man composition. Popular with both his non-singing fans and those in amateur choirs, despite the galling expense of performing it, it deservedly won a standing ovation for being a masterclass in how it should be done.

A work of contrasts which weave together fear, rage, menace, prayer, resolution and hope, there are soaring melodies and a sense of urgency which were caught perfectly by all involved, especially the percussion section.

Some productions use a backdrop of film images designed to emote but such was the passion in Symphony Hall on Saturday they would have been entirely superfluous.

Sarah Cowen-Strong

What's On!

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CHOICE

Dermot O'Leary

The X Factor
ITV, 8pm
Loosen your tie and mix yourself a cocktail – it's Big Band Week on The X Factor. Of course, that might not be good news for all the contestants. Tamera Foster, Nicholas McDonald and Sam Bailey have all shown they can belt out a ballad, so if they've made it this far, they should be in their element. However, some of the acts who prefer rock, R'n'B or acoustic versions of pop classics may be on shakier ground. Luckily, Dermot O'Leary, who is always nicely turned out, should feel at home in a week when the contestants will be suited and booted, ready to croon a classic.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.45** The Lord Mayor's Show. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Rugby League World Cup. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman co-host the main show once again, giving Bruce Forsyth a break ahead of next week's edition from Blackpool Tower Ballroom.
8.00 Atlantis. Jason learns Ariadne and Heptarian are to be married, so with nothing to lose he enters a brutal fighting tournament – where the undefeated bridegroom-to-be is among the combatants.
8.50 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.
9.00 BBC News; Weather.
9.15 The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance. James Blunt, Alfie Boe and Katie Melua perform in this annual event paying tribute to the victims of war and conflict, in the presence of the Queen at the Royal Albert Hall.
10.50 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v West Bromwich Albion at Stamford Bridge and Liverpool v Fulham at Anfield; National Lottery Update.
12.10 The Football League Show. **12.45** Weatherview. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.30 Film:** Ann Vickers. (1933) **7.45 Film:** Double Dynamite. (1951) **9.05** The Sky at Night. (R) **9.25** Reel History of Britain. (R) **9.55** The Life of Birds. (R) **10.45** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.15** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **5.00** Live International Rugby Union.
7.30 The Irresistible Rise of Boris Johnson. Michael Cockerell examines the life and career of the London mayor, featuring interviews with Johnson himself and those who know him best. (R)
8.30 Dad's Army. The men of the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon take charge when a large naval gun is delivered to the church hall. (R)
9.00 Film: Hello Quo. (2012) Premiere. Documentary examining rock band Status Quo's five-decade history, featuring rarely seen archive material as well as footage of the 2012 reunion of the original line-up.
10.20 TOTP2: Status Quo. A selection of the band's appearances on Top of the Pops, including performances of Pictures of Matchstick Men, Rockin' All Over the World and Whatever You Want.
11.05 Film: Rescue Dawn. (2006) A fighter pilot leads a break-out from a prison camp and makes a desperate escape through the jungle. Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, with Christian Bale.
1.05 Film: White Material. (2009)
2.45 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.30** Doc Martin. (R) **2.30** Catchphrase. (R) **3.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope. (1977) **5.35** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed!
6.30 Fool Britannia. A vegetarian party mistakenly books a sausage vendor. Last in the series.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Boyzone's Shane Lynch, former athlete Colin Jackson, Emmerdale actress Fiona Wade and comedian Stephen K Amos take on one of the show's resident trivia experts.
8.00 The X Factor. As the live studio rounds reach the halfway point, the would-be chart stars are accompanied by a full orchestra for big-band week.
9.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Andy Murray, Celine Dion, Johnny Vegas and John Barrowman.
10.35 ITV News; Weather.
10.50 FA Cup Highlights. Action from the first round.
12.20 Take Me Out. (R) **1.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Heston's Ultimate Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.05 Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Sarah Freeman hosts the final dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands, and hopes to impress her guests with a Moroccan menu. (R)
6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. When floating corpses appear, Coulson and the agents must hunt down an elusive killer in an investigation where nobody is safe. (R)
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits a British woman who moved to southern Spain 10 years ago with her husband – who has since died – and planned to build a modern home in the Andalusian hills. (R)
9.00 Film: Predators. (2010) Hardened fighters from across the globe are taken to an alien jungle planet to become prey in a big-game hunt. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody and Topher Grace.
11.05 Film: Dog Soldiers. (2002) British horror, starring Kevin McKidd.
1.15 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.35** Slugterra. **11.00** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.30** Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic. (R) **12.30 Film:** Columbo: Suitable for Framing. (1971) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **2.05 Film:** Columbo: Dagger of the Mind. (1972) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Honor Blackman. **4.05 Film:** Silverado. (1985) Western, with Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner.
6.40 5 News Weekend.
6.45 Film: 2012. (2009) As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, starring John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Danny Glover. Edited for language.
9.35 Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. Countdown of 50 of the most memorable moments from TV talent shows, including life-changing first appearances on Britain's Got Talent by Susan Boyle and Paul Potts. (R)
12.30 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.05** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. The adventurer travels across Canada. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. Matt and Jess receive an official warning. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris's friends plan to surprise him. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. The children argue. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. Francis learns to ride a bike. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Making the world's biggest pancake. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. Roary fetches a batch of eggs. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.30** Rugby Union **8.30 Film:** Cars (2006) **10.20** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.05** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Frozen Planet **8.00** Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Totally British 70s Rock 'n' Roll **11.45** Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance
ITV2
3.05 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now: Hall of Fame **4.10** You've Been Framed! **5.40 Film:** The Borrowers (1997) **7.30 Film:** Dragonheart (1996) **9.35** The Xtra Factor **10.35** Celebrity Juice **11.25** Fake Reaction
ITV3
2.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.45** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Wire in the Blood
ITV4
2.15 Film: The Green Berets (1968) **5.05** Storage Wars **7.00** I Want That Car **8.00 Film:** Cannonball Run II (1984) **10.15 Film:** Death Wish 2 (1981)
E4
4.15 Film: Aliens in the Attic (2009) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00 Film:** The Wedding Date (2005) **10.45** The Inbetweeners **11.20** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Rude Tube: WTF?!?
Film4
3.05 The Parent Trap (1998) **5.45** Avatar (2009) **9.00** The Departed (2006) Boston police plant a mole in a mobster's crew, unaware the gangster has done the same to them. Martin Scorsese's thriller, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon. **11.55** Sexy Beast (2000)

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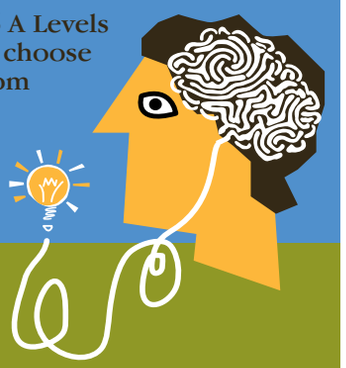

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CHOICE

Joanna Vanderham

The Paradise
BBC1, 8pm
There's a little bit of excitement in the department store this week, which makes a nice change from the usual doom and gloom. Denise is thrilled about her new role, but her eagerness may not last long if Moray insists on dismissing all her ideas. She's soon forced to make some tough decisions as Moray becomes more and more distant, and she begins to realise that taking on responsibility probably isn't all it's cracked up to be. Edmund's shop suffers a break-in and Susy is forced to deal with demons from her past when she recognises the culprit.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.20** Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. **12.25** Sunday Politics. **1.40** BBC News; Weather. **1.55** EastEnders. **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Remembrance Week. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Countryfile. The team visits Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, takes a tour of Shugborough Hall and, for Remembrance Sunday, finds out how the area was used for training troops.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple leave the show. Plus, music by the Tenors and the Puppini Sisters.

8.00 The Paradise. Denise's excitement does not last long when Moray dismisses one of her ideas. Susy tackles a demon from her past, and Katherine tries to bring Tom and Flora closer.

9.00 Richard Hammond Builds a Universe. Having created a CGI planet, Richard Hammond takes the idea further as he explores what it would take to create a universe, with experiments helping show how it all fits together.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Arsenal.

11.45 Rugby League World Cup. Highlights from the final round of group fixtures.

12.30 Weatherview. **12.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.25 Film:** They Won't Believe Me. (1947) **8.00** Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Rugby Union. **12.00** MOTD2 Extra. **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **5.00** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. (R) **5.30** Coast. (R)

6.00 Flog It! The team visits Coventry Cathedral, where Will Axon and Michael Baggot value items including a collection of Clarice Cliff and a trio of watches. (R)

7.00 Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. David Dimbleby and Sophie Raworth introduce highlights of this morning's ceremony in Whitehall paying tribute to members of the forces who have died while serving their country.

8.00 Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains. Kate Humble and Simon King report from Zambia, as lions and wild dogs compete for territory, elephants try to keep cool in the fierce heat and leopards enjoy days of plenty.

9.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo travels through Germany, learning about an Edwardian fitness craze and revealing how British yachtsmen spied on the German navy in the early 20th century.

10.00 QI. With Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey. (R)

10.30 Film: Notes on a Scandal. (2006) Drama, starring Judi Dench.

12.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **12.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Big Time Rush. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Inside the National Trust. **10.30** Sunday Side Up. **11.30** Sunday Scoop. **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** Countrywise. (R) **1.00** Fool Britannia. (R) **1.30** Live FA Cup Football. **4.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.35** Prize Island.

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. A community hero meets former boxing world champion Joe Calzaghe, Little Mix perform in the studio and an ex-serviceman is reunited with his old comrades.

8.00 The X Factor Results. With live music by Robbie Williams and Celine Dion.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Rosamund comes up with a plan to help Edith out of her predicament, Alfred realises too late he may have made a mistake and Anna is concerned by unexpected news. Last in the series.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 FA Cup Highlights. Bishop's Stortford v Northampton Town.

11.35 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition.

12.30 The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The American Football Show. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Gadget Man. (R) **4.00 Film:** The Golden Compass. (2007)

6.05 Channel 4 News.

6.25 The Political Slot.

6.30 Digging the Great Escape. Engineers, archaeologists and serving RAF officers head to the site of the 1944 event to excavate the remains of the tunnel that allowed 76 men to escape from a German PoW camp. (R)

8.00 Tutankhamun: The Mystery of the Burnt Mummy – Secret History. Egyptologist Chris Naunton investigates a mysterious burning of the boy king's mummy.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie turns the tables on the mastermind of the Langley bombing, but recruiting one of Iran's most powerful operatives proves to have dangerous consequences.

10.05 Was It Something I Said? With Reginald D Hunter and Sally Phillips.

10.35 Toast of London. Steven meets his new girlfriend's aristocratic father.

11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Robin Thicke, Paul O'Grady and Jack Whitehall. (R)

12.05 Fresh Meat. (R) **12.55** American Football Live. **4.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Slugterra. **11.00** 5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday. **11.05** Lost Heroes of World War One. (R) **11.25** Britain's Secret Schindler. (R) **12.25** Goering's Last Secret: Revealed. (R) **1.25 Film:** All I Want for Christmas. (2007) **3.05 Film:** Jack Frost. (1998) **5.00 Film:** White Fang 2: The Myth of the White Wolf. (1994)

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 Film: Rush Hour. (1998) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

9.00 Film: Justice. (2011) Premiere. Thriller, with Nicolas Cage, January Jones, Guy Pearce, IronE Singleton and Harold Perrineau.

11.10 Film: Cleaner. (2007) Crime thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson.

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.10** Great TV Mistakes **7.40 Film:** Armageddon (1998) **10.00** Family Guy **10.25** The Revolution Will Be Televised **10.55** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** Requiem **10.30 Film:** About Elly (2009)

ITV2
2.50 Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **4.50 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **6.45 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50 Film:** Coyote Ugly (2000)

ITV3
3.50 Film: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** An Audience with Diana Ross **10.00 Film:** Changeling (2008)

ITV4
3.45 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) **6.00** British Touring Car Championship 2013 Review **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Jaws 2 (1978) **11.25** Jermain Defoe: Sports Life Stories

E4
4.00 How I Met Your Mother **5.00** 2 Broke Girls **6.00** Rules of Engagement **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **10.00** Drifters **10.30** The Inbetweeners **11.00** Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies

Film4
2.35 Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **4.45** Bride Wars (2009) **6.30** The Legend of Zorro (2005) **9.00** The Untouchables (1987) Gangster thriller, starring Kevin Costner. **11.20** Wall Street (1987)

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Out for Justice, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A tough Brooklyn cop learns that his partner and best friend has been murdered in front of his family by a vicious drug dealer, the pair's lifelong enemy and the scourge of the neighbourhood. The detective heads into the underworld on a one-man vengeance mission, but finds the killer's criminal bosses are also hunting for him. Action thriller, with Steven Seagal, William Forsythe and Jerry Orbach. (1991)

TUESDAY
Cabaret, BBC1, 12.05am
A flighty nightclub singer in 1930s Berlin is drawn into a love triangle with a sensitive would-be English writer and an aristocratic German, as the Nazi party grows in might and the country heads inexorably toward war. Oscar-winning musical directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse, starring Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey, Michael York and Helmut Griem. (1972)

WEDNESDAY
Dirty Harry, Channel 5, 10pm
Maverick San Francisco detective "Dirty" Harry Callahan sets out to capture a deranged sniper picking off victims at random. Although his own tactics barely stay within the confines of the law, he is determined the killer will face his particular brand of justice, regardless of his superiors' disapproval. Don Siegel's thriller, starring Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino and Andy Robinson. (1971)

Up in the Air, Friday, BBC2, 11.10pm

THURSDAY
The Last Frontier, Channel 4, 12.15pm
A backwoods trapper signs up as a cavalry scout at a fort manned by inexperienced soldiers, where he falls in love with a colonel's wife. On taking over command of the garrison, the officer plans to lead his men in a reckless attack on a hostile Indian tribe – and it is down to the frontiersman to save his comrades from a massacre. Western, starring Victor Mature, Robert Preston and Anne Bancroft. (1955)

FRIDAY
Up in the Air, BBC2, 11.10pm
A corporate downsizing expert loves his life, detached from everyday existence and striving to achieve a personal goal of 10 million accumulated air miles. However, his lifestyle comes under threat by an up-and-coming executive with a revolutionary approach that would makes his role all but obsolete. Comedy drama, starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman and Amy Morton. (2009)

Pick of the Week

Stars shine bright on a night of charitable fun

Hosting a live TV show isn't easy – just ask Mick Fleetwood and Sam Fox. It's 24 years since they co-hosted the Brit Awards, but the thought of them hemming and hawing their way through several painful hours of presenting duties still sends shivers down the spine of those who saw it.

We reckon wannabe TV presenters everywhere should watch it so they know exactly how not to go about a live broadcast.

Thankfully, Children in Need is in far more seasoned hands. Tess Daly, Fearne Cotton, Nick Grimshaw and Zoe Ball are all old hands at live broadcasts, but the glue holding the whole thing together is, as ever, Terry Wogan – and the show just wouldn't be the same without him.

He makes the whole process seem completely effortless – perhaps it's because he's so affable and always does his best to make those appearing in the studio at their ease.

"I'm not a confrontational interviewer," explains Wogan. "It would be easy to be abrasive, but nobody would want to come on the show. Sometimes an interview I think didn't go well was actually very good, and vice versa. You're not always the best judge yourself."

Children in Need is now an iconic annual event, and is so huge, it can no longer be confined to just one marathon programme broadcast at prime time.

Instead, the action begins around lunchtime with a Strictly Come Dancing-themed Bargain Hunt special, while Pointless and The One Show also get in on the fund-raising act.

But the real fun begins at 7.30pm, when the telethon itself begins.

Those involved hope to raise more than the £26million collected in 2012, and have a heap of entertainment lined up that they hope will inspire us to dig deep – something the Great British public has continued to do, despite the credit crunch.

Among the delights to look out for is a dance extravaganza featuring the cast of EastEnders, a very special edition of Room 101, and musical performances from the likes of Tinie Tempah, JLS, One Direction, and Ellie Goulding, singer of this year's CIN single, How Long Will I Love You.

But sci-fi fans will be most keen to see the now traditional appearance of a short Doctor Who special on the night.

No details have been released about what it may feature, but fans have already begun speculating about it online. With the 50th anniversary of the show taking place later in the month, many are hoping it will tie-in with that – and may even include some secrets about the mysterious incarnation played by John Hurt, who appeared briefly in the last episode of the previous run.

But whatever happens, Children in Need will always really be about fundraising – and is something Terry is only too pleased to be involved with.

"It is always a privilege and pleasure, the highest point of my year, to present BBC Children in Need," says Wogan. "This year we are hoping the great British public will give us even more. We've certainly got a fantastic show line-up this year. I know I say that every year but this year really is special."

The fundraising fun returns, Children in Need 2013, Friday, BBC1, 7.30pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Emmerdale
ITV, 7pm
Amy may have abandoned little Kyle in a phone box when he was born, and then put him up for adoption, but she's certainly not going to give up on him again. In fact, she's so determined to be part of the little boy's life that his grandmother Joanie has called the police and taken the extra precaution of getting a restraining order. Amy is crushed when Diane tells her the news, but instead of giving up hope, she simply comes up with a new, more drastic approach – one that will mean choosing between staying with Andy and starting a new life with her son. Meanwhile, Priya has second thoughts on the day of her termination.

Ripper Street
BBC1, 9pm
Brace yourselves for a shock – Reid and his colleagues aren't about to be faced with an untimely death. Instead, they're called in to investigate the abduction of a politician from a popular Whitechapel theatre. Rose Erskine has been working there since leaving the brothel, but will Drake's long-buried desire for her be awakened when they come face-to-face again? Reid, meanwhile, suspects the kidnappers are members of an all-female gang connected to councillor Jane Cobden, who harbours some rather radical views. Long Susan becomes one of their victims too, but finds herself drawn to her captors' cause – but what is it that the villains actually want to achieve?

TUESDAY
Martin Lewis Money Show – The Twelve Saves of Christmas
ITV, 8pm
Don't worry, Martin Lewis isn't trying to make us celebrate yuletide in November. Instead, his hour-long helping of seasonal saving tips is coming to us just in time to help us plan a thrifty Christmas celebration. Martin and reporter Saira Khan reveal that it's not too late to bag yourself a bargain, and unveil their unique 'advent calendar', predicting when the major retailers are most likely to start offering discounts, so viewers can be primed to pounce. And there's also a reminder that Christmas doesn't have to be commercial at all as Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby shares his own tips on making sure that it's the memories that last into the New Year, not the repayments.

The Story of Musicals
Channel 4, 9pm
Business may be booming in London's West End, but for the producers, actors and writers dreaming of staging a hit musical, that just means the competition is even fiercer. This new four-part series takes a look at the process of putting on a show, as the first episode goes behind the scenes of Academy Award-winning director Sam Mendes' new take on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The production was launched in a blaze of publicity, but as this series shows, the real drama doesn't take place on opening night. Once the initial media excitement dies down, how do you keep filling those theatre seats?

Children in Need Rocks, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
JFK's Secret Killer: The Evidence
Channel 5, 9pm
November 22 will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of US President John F Kennedy, which can only mean one thing – a new wave of theories about who really pulled the trigger. This documentary aims to get to the bottom of the case by recruiting a seasoned police detective to examine the events of that fateful day at the Dealey Plaza, Dallas. Using witness testimony, as well as the latest technology and methods which weren't available in 1963, the programme reaches a remarkable conclusion about the true identity of JFK's assassin.

THURSDAY
Children in Need Rocks
BBC1, 8pm
Gary Barlow is going to meet himself coming backwards one of these days. In and amongst his X Factor duties, showbiz's busiest man has somehow found the time to sweet-talk some of his closest pals into a one-off concert. Chris Evans and Fearne Cotton will be hosting the event, which takes place at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, and will see some of the biggest names in the industry rock the crowds. Acts including Kings of Leon, Robbie Williams, Barry Manilow, Dizzee Rascal, the Wanted, Little Mix, Ellie Goulding, Rizzle Kicks, Bastille, Tom Odell and the Lumineers are all set to perform.

FRIDAY
Chris Tarrant Goes Fishing
Channel 5, 7pm
The series which sees telly presenter and quizmaster Chris Tarrant swap his lifelines for nylon line and sample some of the world's greatest fishing grounds continues, as this week he – along with trusty guide John Horsey – heads to Wellesley Lake in Canada's Yukon territory. The frigid waters are full of pike, which are excellent sport fish, however they're not what Chris and professional angler John are after – they're looking for the elusive Arctic char, a relative of the salmon which can grow in excess of 50lbs in weight and sit proudly at the top of the food chain. But can they tempt the monsters out of hiding?

Brain Gym

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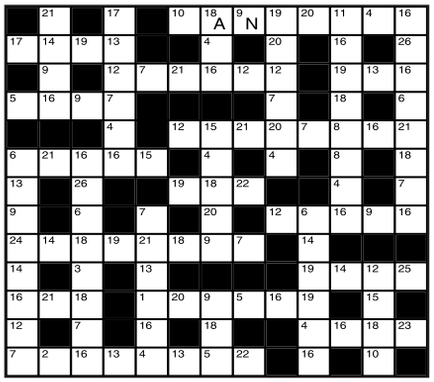
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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B	P	D	H	F	I	W	E	C	G	V	X	Q

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

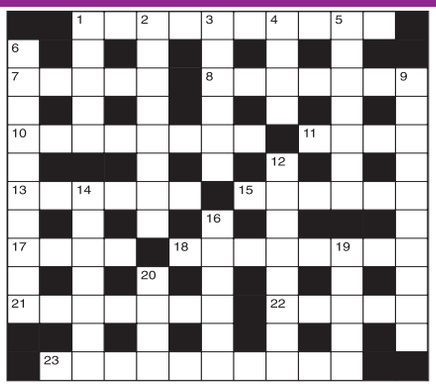
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Does it make things sticky for motorists? (7,3)
7. Best conceivable thought to fifty (5)
8. All the same, a soldier has to assume it (7)
10. Dog raves after fruit (8)
11. As long as there's money in it, usually (4)
13. Contract to cut down (6)
15. Hand over and die (4,2)
17. Tinker returns without hesitation to make garments (4)
18. Charm one's way in (8)
21. Fully satisfy it at sea, perhaps (7)
22. No longer lie about being an outcast (5)
23. Their work is play (10)

Down

1. Some of the Irish land belongs to them (5)
2. Marriage, for example, makes a nice change after all! (8)
3. Sources of print? (6)
4. Box for a piece of jewellery (4)
5. In age so twisted, suffering pains (7)
6. Do they stop cars in record time? (4,6)
9. He stays well away from work (10)
12. The beauty of justice (8)
14. Vessel off course? (7)
16. Eager to be camping? (6)
19. They have points to drive home (5)
20. To some a handy guide to events (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Bearing (10)
7. Test (5)
8. Defames (7)
10. Involved (8)
11. Rip (4)
13. Argue (6)
15. Fix (6)
17. National Socialist (4)
18. Conscious (8)
21. Sincere (7)
22. Follow (5)
23. Uneasily (10)

Down

1. Tendency (5)
2. Soften (8)
3. Frolicked (6)
4. Masculine (4)
5. Disregard (7)
6. Presence (10)
9. Reinforce (10)
12. Immensity (8)
14. Odd (7)
16. Colonise (6)
19. Composition (5)
20. Leaning (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Renewal; 7 Spent; 9 Ash; 10 Cost price; 12 Bargain sale; 15 Pure fiction; 17 Free verse; 19 Rip; 21 Relax; 22 Takings. Down: 1 Terse; 2 See; 3 Halo; 4 Oppressor; 5 Knuckle; 8 Strict; 11 Base metal; 13 Guinea; 14 Quarter; 16 Siege; 18 Stay; 20 Die. QUICK - Across: 6 Convert; 7 Train; 9 Gay; 10 Deserving; 12 Standardise; 15 Painstaking; 17 Dissected; 19 Rat; 21 Annul; 22 Deposit. Down: 1 Total; 2 Eve; 3 Urge; 4 Provident; 5 Lionise; 8 Remark; 11 Stands out;13 Notice; 14 Sapient; 16 Rapid; 18 Ever; 20 Foe.

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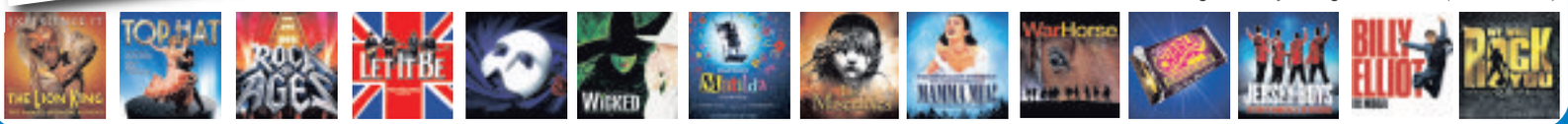

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Knowles Street
An Extremely Well Presented Modern Detached property briefley comprising of Lounge, Kitchen with breakfast bar, Dining Room, Ground floor Cloakroom, Three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from driveway, detached garge and rear garden. Energy Rating 66 (D)
£167,995

Birmingham

Greenridge Road
A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing is highly recommended. Energy Rating D (55)
£165,000

West Bromwich

Heath Lane
A deceptively spacious traditional semi detached family home with many original features. The Property briefly comprises of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Front and Rear Garden, Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing Highly Recommended. No Chain. Energy Rating 41 (E)
£175,000

West Bromwich

Whitworth Drive
Immaculately presented detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloak Room, En Suite To Master, Family Bathroom, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy rating 71 (C)
£220,000

West Bromwich

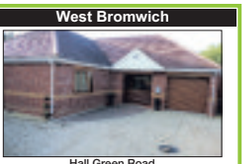
Malvern Close
Executive detached dormer bungalow. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Kitchen Diner, Cloakroom, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage With Forecourt, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 48 (E)
£210,000

West Bromwich

Jervoise Lane
well presented spacious semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Fully Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified, Rear and Side Gardens, Off Road Parking to the Front and Side. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 58 (D)
£230,000

Wednesbury

Hydes Road
A much improved and extended spacious 5 bedroom family home. Located near the local secondary school and M6 motorway junction. The property briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted Modern Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and door into Reception Rooms, Two with Two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Garden and Rear Gardens and Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. ●Please note this property can be used as two separate units. Energy Rating 64 (D)
£249,950

West Bromwich

Hall Green Road
A immaculately presented detached bungalow. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. NO CHAIN●● Energy Rating 74 (C)
£280,000

Wednesbury

Brunswick Park Road
A well presented ground floor flat, briefly comprising of spacious lounge, modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Parking Space. Available immediately for 6 months to long term. Energy Rating 72 (C)
£475 PCM + Fees

Darlaston

Boswell Close
REDUCED TO £525
Semi-Detached property, with accomodation comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens. The property will be available Mid June 2013 due to Refurbishment, however viewings will take place prior to this date. DSS & Pets considered, Energy Rating 58 (D)
£525 PCM + Fees

Oldbury

Wolverhampton Road
A Well Presented Semi-Detached House. Briefely comprising of Three Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Available Immediately, 6 Months - Long Term - DSS Considered, Energy Rating 40 (E)
£550 PCM + Fees

West Bromwich

Kestevens Road
REDUCED TO £575
A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens with Off Road Parking. EPC- TBC
£575 PCM + Fees

Birmingham

Hindon Square
A well presented ground floor flat located near Birmingham City Center. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Communal Areas and Benefiting from being fully furnished. EPC- TBC
£650 PCM + Fees

Bird End

West Bromwich
A well presented detached property in the desired area of West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Five Bedrooms, Three Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Highly Essential. EPC- TBC
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- Double Glazed Conservatory
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- Shower Room
- Garage With Concrete Print Driveway
- Pleasant Well Tended Gardens

Offers In The Region Of £149,950

NEW

Linden Avenue, Tividale

Refurbished And Tastefully Modernised Traditional Style Semi, Ideal First Time Purchase, No Upward Chain Involved EPC - D

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- Downstairs Bathroom
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Ideal Investment Opportunity
- No Upward Chain Involved

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DETACHED

Wyton Avenue, Oldbury

Superbly Appointed Modern Style Detached, In Excellent Order Throughout, Offering No Upward Chain, Internal Inspection Highly Recommended. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs W/C
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage With Driveway

Offers In The Region Of £225,000

NO CHAIN

Pound Road, Oldbury

Charming Two Bedroomed Semi Detached Bungalow, Situated Within This Popular Residential Developement. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage, Off Road Parking

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Causeway Green Road, Oldbury

Most Charming And Well Presented Double Fronted Semi, In Good Order Throughout, Walking Distance To Local Amenities & Local Schools. EPC- E

- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Spacious Lounge
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Downstairs W/C
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Off Road Parking
- Pleasant Well Tended Rear Garden

Offers In The Region Of £144,950

NO CHAIN

Mayswood Grove, Quinton

Traditional Style Semi, Cul-De-Sac Location, In Need Of Some Modernisation However Offering Excellent Potential. EPC - E

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN INVOLVED

Offers In The Region Of £139,950

Marshall Road, Oldbury

Traditional Style Semi Situated Within This Popular Residential Location, Easy Access To Local Schools, NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W/C
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Garage With Off Road Parking

Offers In The Region Of £134,950

Brook Road, Oldbury

Well Presented Double Fronted Traditional Style Semi, Walking Distance To Local Amenities, Excellent First Time Purchase. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W/C, Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Easy Maintained Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers In The Region Of £119,950

NO CHAIN

Oldacre Road, Oldbury

Well Presented Traditional Style Semi, Prominent Corner Plot Location, In Need Of Some Modernisation However Offering Excellent Potential. EPC - C

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Verandah, Downstairs W/C
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Corner Plot Gardens

Offers In The Region Of £119,950

Victoria Court, Halesowen

Extremely Spacious Two Bedroomed Ground Floor Flat, Set Back From the Road Within This Popular Residential Development. EPC - D

- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Security Intercom
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Good Sized Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Excellent First Time Purchase

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'Regis House' Old Hill

Extremely Spacious Open Plan Well Presented One Bedroomed First Floor Flat, Excellent Order Throughout, Walking Distance To Local Amenities. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Open Plan Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen With Cooker, Fridge/Freezer & Washing Machine
- Double Bedroom
- Large Bathroom With Shower
- Off Road Parking
- Internal Viewing Recommended

TO LET: £300 PCM

Elsma Road, Oldbury

Set Back Behind A Pleasant Front Garden Within This Sought After & Respected Road, Easy Access To Local Schools, NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC- E

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Separate Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- Downstairs W/C, Utility Area
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Gardens, Garage With Driveway

Offers In The Region Of £189,950

Perry Hill Road, Oldbury

Much Improved Recently Refurbished Terrace, Excellent Order Throughout, Easy Access To Local Amenities, Local Schools, EPC - C

- New Gas Central Heating System & Boiler
- Recently Re-Wired
- Double Glazing
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Pleasant Gardens
- Garage With Rear Access
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £124,950

Ferndale Road, Oldbury

Opportunity To Acquire This Delightful And Most Charming Traditional Style Double Front Semi, Improved And Maintained To A Good Standard Throughout. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Rear Lobby, Utility Room
- Downstairs W/C
- Three Bedrooms
- Pleasant Angl Well Tended Gardens

Offers In The Region Of £124,000

Summerfields Avenue, Halesowen

Well Presented Traditional Style Semi Situated Within This Popular Residential Location, Catchment Area For Good Local Schools. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Separate Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Double Glazed Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garden & Drainage Providing Off Road Parking

TO LET: £695 PCM

Bodenham Road, Oldbury

Well Presented & Improved Traditional Style Semi, Easy Access To Local Amenities & Local Schools. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing,
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road parking
- Viewing Essential

To Let £550 PCM

Cumberland Road, Oldbury

Most Impressive & Thoughtfully Reburbished End Terrace, In Excellent Order Throughout, Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Spacious Through Lounge/ Dining Room
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TO LET: £550 PCM

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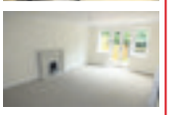
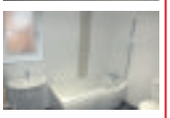

Sunnybank Road

* Superior detached family house
* Four bedrooms * Lounge & Dining room
* Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* Fitted cloakroom
* Well appointed bathroom & ensuite
* Enclosed gardens & large garage * EPC = B

£275,000

Oldbury

Plot 3

George Road

* Link detached bungalow
* Two parking spaces
* Two bedrooms
* L Shaped lounge/dining area
* Quality fitted kitchen with host of appliances
* Luxury bathroom with shower over bath * Gas boiler heating radiators
* EPC = C

£185,000

Halesowen

Victoria Court

Binswood Road

* Spacious first floor flat
* Two bedrooms
* shower room
* Lounge with balcony
* Kitchen
* Communal gardens
* Communal off road parking
* Vacant possession available
* EPC =C

Offers in the region of £79,950

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Arden Grove

* Mid terraced house * Tastefully presented and ideal for first time purchaser
* Through living room forming lounge & dining area* Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* First floor double bedrooms & bathroom with shower * Attic room
* Enclosed garden* Gas boiler heating radiators * Double glazed windows *EPC=D

Offers in the region of £99,950

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Oak Road

* Semi Detached House
* In need of general modernisation and improvement
* Through room forming lounge and dining area
* Three bedrooms
* Garage
* EPC =tbc

Offers in the region of £139,950

Halesowen

Manor Abbey Road

* Semi detached house
* Through living room
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* Downstairs wc
* Three bedrooms
* Garage
* Pleasant rear garden

EPC =E

Offers in the region of £269,950

Rowley Regis

York Road

* End Terraced House
* Situated on Prominent Corner Position
* Three Bedrooms
* Integral Garage
* Ideal for First Timer Purchaser
* EPC = D

Offers in the region of £120,000

Halesowen

Carters Lane

* Traditional Style Semi Detached House * Two Reception Rooms
* Study
* Fitted Cloakroom/Shower Room
* Extended Kitchen/Dining Room
* Three Bedrooms
* Bathroom
* Good Sized Rear Garden
* Gas Boiler Heating Radiators
* Off Road Parking * EPC = D

Offers in the region of £265,000

Rowley Regis

Dovey Grove

* Three storey town house
* Three bedrooms (two with en-suites)
* Flexible accommodation
* Kitchen/dining room with balcony
* Integral garage
* EPC = C

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Halesowen

66 Spiral Close

* First floor one (double) bedroom flat
* Fitted kitchen with various appliances
* Lounge/dining area
* DGW & Night storage heating
* Off road parking
* EPC = D
* Communal gardens

Monthly rent of £425+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Kidderminster

28 Adams Court

* Two bedroom house
* Kitchen with oven & hob
* Living room with patio doors
* Bathroom with shower
* Joinery framed DGW & electric heating * EPC = E
* Available now!

Monthly rent of £485+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Oldbury

25 Swan Crescent

* Great Family home
* Three bedrooms
* Redecorated & improved
* Lots of storage * Garden
* Gas boiler central heating & DG window * Bathroom with shower
* EPC=E

Monthly rent of £525+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Halesowen

7 Victoria Street

* Beautiful fully-redecorated House
* 2 double bedrooms
* 2 living rooms
* Kitchen with various appliances
* Shower room/utility & 1st floor bathroom * Double glazed windows & Gas CH * EPC=E

Monthly rent of £545+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Bournville

36 Lea House Road

* Improved 2 bedroom house
* EPC = D
* Superb convenient location
* Redecorated & new carpets
* 2 Bedrooms & 2 Reception rooms
* Bathroom with shower
* GCH & UPVC* Available NOW!

Monthly rent of £650+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Smethwick

64 Bishopton Road

* Refurbished terraced house
* 3 Bedrooms
* Large fitted kitchen
* Popular location close to Lightwoods park
* Gas central heating
* Garage at rear * EPC = D

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- Freehold

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Farm Road
Oldbury £149,950

This immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house in the desired area of Oldbury. Large hallway through to the reception room and dining room. Modern compact kitchen with utility area with access to therear garden. The first floor comprises three bedrooms benefit from fitted wardrobes. Family bathroom with shower over bath and fully tiled.

10 Arthur Place
Birmingham City £111,000

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this two bedroom apartment in a desired location of Birmingham City Centre. Comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from communal gardens, central heating, double glazing and lifts. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC rating C.

Roebuck Lane
West Bromwich £157,950

A three bed semi detached property. Excellent transport links close by. Comprising of driveway and integral garage. The ground is very spacious with a through lounge looking out to the rear garden. Large newly fitted kitchen with dining area. Downstairs w.c to the rear. To the first floor there are two double bedrooms and one single bedroom.

Claremont Rd
Sedgley £99,950

This three bedroom traditional semi detached property briefly comprises porch, leading to hallway, with under stairs pantry , two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room and downstairs WC . First floor three bedrooms, boarded loft with electric light, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage To The side.

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Bearwood Road
Smethwick £249,950

REDUCED BY £20K. A modern four bedroom detached property. Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, utility area, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, double glazed and central heating where specified, front driveway, garage.

Little Lane
West Bromwich £114,950

A three bedroom much improved mid terrace property. Briefly comprising of two spacious reception rooms, striking kitchen, through to the downstairs bathroom, three large bedrooms, rear garden, central heating, and double glazing.

Newcomen Drive
Tipton £194,950

This four bedroom detached property in Tipton. Comprising driveway and front garden, garage to the side, hallway, lounge, extended dining room and second lounge, a good sized kitchen and downstairs WC and utility room. To the first floor there are four good sized bedrooms, family bathroom and master bedroom. New fitted double glazed windows and doors.

Causeway Green Road
Oldbury £159,950

A well presented extended four bedroom property. Briefly comprising hallway, study, lounge, utility room, kitchen/diner, bedroom and shower room on ground floor. First floor comprise three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Property also benefits from two boilers, new driveway and large garden. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate size. EPC rating D.

Barncroft Street
West Bromich £79,995

A two bedroom maisonette located on a quiet street. The property has central heating and double glazing throughout. There is a smaller room which is a bonus to the property which can be used as a study or office. This property is only five minutes away from West Bromwich town centre.

Spring Parklands
Dudley £137,500

A detached family home located in Dudley. Situated in a quiet cul de sac. This property benefits from a large plot with a large drive to fit up to five cars. Comprises of porch, reception room, dining room, kitchen, large rear garden. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property benefits from a new central heating system and gas wall heaters.

Macdonald Close
Tividale £189,950

This Modern three bedroom detached property. Briefly comprises driveway to fitted a number of cars, entrance hallway, lounge, a clean white crisp kitchen, dining room, shower room, double garage and to first floor, three bedrooms one with en suite, family bathroom. Benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and beautiful rear garden.

Kyngston Road
West Bromwich £184,950

Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs w.c, storage, kitchen, lounge/diner with french doors leading to rear garden with lawn and decking area, first floor comprising of master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, bathroom, second double bedroom, second floor comprising of large bedroom with en-suite, double garage.

Thorncroft Way
Walsall £229,950

A well presented Detached home located in the Walsall area. Garage to the rear of the property. The ground floor comprises of a spacious lounge, dining room with access to the rear garden with lovely French Doors, kitchen with integrated appliances, downstairs guest w.c and cloakroom. The first floor consists of four bedrooms, master bedroom with ensuite.

Oxhill Road
Handsworth £139,950

REDUCED. This three bedroom semi detached home, located within a popular neighborhood. Briefly comprising hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Also benefits from driveway, outhouse to rear garden and recently fitted bathroom. Ideal family home, viewing highly advised. EPC rating D.

Limberlost Close
Handsworth Wood £84,950

HELP TO BUY SCHEME. YOU ONLY NEED £5,000! Two bedroom apartment on third floor. Situated in a cul-de-sac location in a popular neighbourhood of Handsworth Wood. This two bedroom apartment on the third floor is decorated to a high standard with quality fixtures and fittings through out. Briefly comprising, open plan lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

St Catherines Close
Dudley £109,950

REDUCED BY 14K. This well presented three bedroom semi detached home, with potential to extend and located on a quiet cul-de-sac, with good access to all local amenities and the road networks. Comprising driveway, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Viewing highly recommended. EPC rating D.

Harborne Road
Bearwood £464,950

An exceptionally outstanding five bedroom detached property. Briefly comprising electric gates into a large driveway, garage to the side, hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, large traditional kitchen and downstairs WC. To the first floor four good sized bedrooms, family bathroom and master bedroom with walk in wardrobe and en suite.

Umberslade Road
Selly Oak £700

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Comprising hallway with traditional flooring, large lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, downstairs W.C, upstairs comprises two double bedrooms and luxury bathroom, rear garden. Front Driveway.

Kingfisher Way
Tipton £500

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Two bedroom modern apartment located in Tipton, over looking a wonderful view of the canals. Comprising open plan lounge and fitted kitchen. Bathroom with over bath shower, one double and one single bedrooms. Allocated parking

Kingsway Road
Wolverhampton £500

WORKING PROFESSIONALS NEED ONLY APPLY. Well presented semi detached family home. On a quiet family road. Comprising of drive and garage, front garden, large porch, spacious hallway, stairway, lounge and dining room. Conservatory and rear garden. Kitchen. Upstairs three good sized rooms with fitted wardrobes.

Amblecote Road
Brierley Hill £1,075

This beautiful five bed property. Two Reception rooms, leading onto a Large back garden. Downstairs Toilet, Fitted kitchen. Upstairs leads onto a very large master bedroom Freshly Carpeted, fantastic condition and very clean. Further four good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. Working Professionals Only.

New Birmingham Road
Tividale £675

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Set back from the road with a driveway, this substantial four bedroom family home is situated on New Birmingham Road which provides impressive space, off street parking and an extremely generous three tier garden.

Barton Street
West Bromwich £550

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. This three bedroom, semi detached property in the heart of West Bromwich boasts excellent transport links and is within walking distance to the revamped town centre development.

Brunswick Park Road £425

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Luxury one bedroom apartment. Newly refurbished throughout, containing a spacious bedroom, fitted kitchen with built in cooker, washing machine and fridge freezer, lounge and bathroom with tiled walls and flooring. Ideal for a single working professional or couple.

Woodview Drive
Edgbaston £1,100

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY NEED APPLY. A well presented SIX bedroom semi detached family home located just of Bristol Road, Edgbaston. The ground floor comprises of two large receptions rooms, downstairs w.c, kitchen to rear, access to rear garden. To the first floor there are four good sized bedrooms, shower room, separate w.c, storage room.

Hobart Point
Churchfields Developement £595

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. A New Build TWO Bedroom Apartment. Comprising of secure gated parking with remote control access. Lift entry to the apartment. Two bedrooms with en suite in master room. Large bathroom, large living room with french doors to the balcony, newly fitted kitchen.

Ashfield Avenue
Kings Heath £675

A magnificent two bedroomed top floor apartment situated in a newly built development. The apartment is presented in a brand new condition and comprises reception room with a Juliet balcony, a fitted kitchen with appliances, master bedroom, a double second bedroom and a family bathroom with shower.

Bleakhouse Road
Oldbury £650

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. A modern semi detached family home located in Oldbury. Comprising of entrance with front porch, hallway, lounge with laminate flooring, traditional kitchen / diner, downstairs w.c, first floor comprising of three bedrooms, shower room.

Throne Cresent £575

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Well maintained family home comprising of a large hallway newly decorated with wooden flooring, spacious living room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and one single bedroom all new carpeted and an upstairs bathroom with shower.

Ryle Street
Walsall £550

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. Well established four bedroom semi detached home. this four bedroom family home off street parking and an extremely generous garden. This home briefly comprises of four great sized bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/ diner, family bathroom and downstairs W.C.

St Helens Avenue
Tipton £500

WORKING PROFESSIONALS ONLY. This mid terraced property located in a popular area of Tipton. Situated in a lovely private road. The property comprises of kitchen, lounge, decked rear garden. To the first floor there are two good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. Also benefiting from double glazing and central heating through out.

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Rawlings Road, Bearwood

- A Well Presented Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Low Maintenance Garden
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: E

Offers in the region of £119,950

NEW

Beechfield Road, Smethwick

- A Most Attractive End Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Period Features
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- EP Rating: TBC

Offers in region of £94,950

Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood

- A Delightful Mid Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Close to Amenities
- EP Rating D

Offers from £140,000

Poplar Road, Bearwood

- A Well Presented End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating: E

Offers in the region of £154,950

Westfield Road, Smethwick

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- EP Rating F

Offers in the region of £99,950

NEW

Eva road, Oldbury

- An Attractive Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Style Kitchen Diner
- Potential For Parking
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: D.

Offers in the region of £112,500

NEW PRICE

Abbey Road, Bearwood

- Traditonal Terrace
- Three Bedroom
- Through Lounge
- Period Features
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £137,500

Milcote Road, Bearwood

- Tastefully Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ample Storage
- Must Be Viewed!
- EP Rating: E.

Offers in the region of £164,950

Warple Road, Quinton

- Most Attractive Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Period Features
- EP Rating: E

Offers in the region of £119,950

Katherine Road, Beawood

- Attractive Traditional Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: F

Offers in the region of £149,950

Woodbourne Road, Smethwick

- Traditional Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: D
- N.B Bathroom & Kitchen not Fitted

Offers in the region of £199,950

First Meadow Piece, Quinton

- A Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: C

Offers in the region of £99,950

Bury Hill Road, Oldbury

- A Charming, Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Room
- Period Features
- EP Rating: D

Offers in the region of £99,950

Katherine Road, Bearwood

- Delightful Traditional Terrace
- Character Features
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £124,950

Hadzor Road, Oldbury

- A Detatched Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Superb Rear Garden
- EP Rating: F

Offers in the region of £314,950

Thimblemill Road, Bearwood

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Additional Ground Floor WC
- Mature Rear Garden
- EP Rating: D

Offers in the region of £109,950

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Geneva Road Tipton

• End Terrace
• Upvc Double Glazing _ gas central heating
• loft conversion + no upward chain
• 3 / 4 bedrooms, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £72,000
Viewing:

Ashtree Road Oldbury

• traditional semi detached
• upvc double glazing + no upward chain
• in need of repair / attention
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing:

Bell Street Tipton

• modern middle terrace
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• ideal first time purchase or buy to let investment
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing:

Park Lane East Tipton

• middle terrace
• gas central heating
• no upeard chain
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £55,000
Viewing:

Dovecote Close Tipton

• modern detached
• excellent corner position
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £146,950
Viewing:

Batmanshill Road Tipton

• modern end terrace
• excellent corner plot
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Brindlefields Way Tipton

• most attractive modern middle terrace
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• internal viewing recommended
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating TBC
OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing:

St Helens Avenue Tipton

• modern detached
• in need of attention / repair
• lounge + dining room
• 4 bedrooms + en suite, epc rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £152,500
Viewing:

Rugeley Close Tipton

• modern second floor apartment
• upvc double glazing + electric heating
• no upward chain + canal views
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £79,000
Viewing:

Hellier Avenue Tipton

• modern semi detached
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• sought after location
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Star Close Tipton

• modern semi detached
• immaculate / improved accommodation
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• 2 bedrooms, epc rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £113,950
Viewing:

William Kerr Road Tipton

• modern semi detached
• upvc double glazing + gas central heating
• no upward chain + quiet cul de sac location
• 3 bedrooms, epc rating D + leasehold
OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Edwin Phillips Drive West Bromwich NEW

• Mid Terrace Property
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Downstairs WC
• , Driveway To Front
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing:

Crookhay Lane West Bromwich NEW

• Semi Detached Property
• Crete Paved Driveway
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing:

Walsall Road West Bromwich

• Extended Semi Detached
• Five Bedrooms
• Downstairs Shower Room
• EPC Rating D, Superb Upstairs Bathroom
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
Viewing:

Wolseley Road West Bromwich

• End Terrace Property
• 3 Bedrooms
• Central Heating
• Energy Rating D, Double Glazing
OFFERS AROUND: £116,000
Viewing:

Vowles Road West Bromwich

• Open Views To Front
• With in Easy Distance Of Sandwell Hospital
• Still under NHBC Guarantee
• Situated in Modern Development, Walking distance
OFFERS AROUND: £135,950
Viewing:

Temple Meadows Road West Bromwich

• Situated in a popular Residential Area
• 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Hallway
• Energy Rating E, Lounge & Dining Room
OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing:

Spon Lane West Bromwich

• End Terrace Property
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Potential To Extend
• Energy Rating D, Upstairs Bathroom
OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
Viewing:

Oak Lane West Bromwich

• Mid Terraced House
• 2 Double Bedrooms
• Newly Fitted Kitchen
• Energy Rating D, Two Reception Rooms
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing:

Little Lane West Bromwich

• Opposite Sandwell Hospital
• Spacious Traditional Terrace
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Energy Rating D, Two Family Bathrooms
OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Ireland Green Road West Bromwich

• Detached Bungalow
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Driveway For Several Vehicles
• Energy Rating TBC, Spacious Lounge
OFFERS AROUND £150,000
Viewing:

Hall Green Wharf West Bromwich

• Modern Detached Bungalow
• Situated On An Exclusive Gated Development
• Recently Reduced
• 10 Year NHBC Certificate, Gas Central Heating
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing:

Hawkins Street West Bromwich

• Substancial Detached Property
• Superb Entrance Hallway
• Six Bedrooms
• Energy Rating D, Three En Suite Bathrooms
OFFERS AROUND: £425,000
Viewing:

Birmingham Street Darlaston

• A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
• Private Driveway off Cul-de-Sac
• No Upward Chain!
• EPC Rating: 63 (D), Gas Central Heating & Double
Viewing: £120,000

Hollies Drive Wednesbury

• A Wonderful Period Butt Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Partially Double Glazed
• Retaining Many Original Features
• Energy Rating F, Vestibule Entrance
OFFERS AROUND: £214,995
Viewing:

Chestnut Road Wednesbury

• A Delightful 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Extermely Well Presented
• Very Popular Location
• EPC Rating: TBC, Gas Centrally Heated & Double
OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
Viewing:

Park Lane Wednesbury

• Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Popular Location
• EPC Rating: E, Reception Hall
OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
Viewing:

Sandy Lane Wednesbury

• A 3 Bedroom Semi
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing (as spec.)
• EPC Rating: D, No Upward Chain!
OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
Viewing:

Scott Avenue Wednesbury

• An Extended 3 Bedroom Traditional Semi Detached
• Gas Central Heating & Partial Double Glazing
• Reception Hall
• EPC Rating: E, Lounge & Separate Dining Room
OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing:

Poplar Road Wednesbury

• Impressive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
• Cul-de-Sac Location
OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing:

St Johns Road Darlaston

• A 3 Bedroom End Terrace Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Dining Room
• EPC Rating E, Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
Viewing:

Hopton Close Tipton

• Modern 1 Bedroom Starter Home
• UPVc Double Glazing
• Lounge
• EPC Rating: TBC, Kitchen
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
Viewing:

Booth Street Darlaston

• A Near New 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
• Reception Hall & Guest WC
• EPC Rating: C, Lounge
OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
Viewing:

Smith Avenue Wednesbury

• Extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Gas Central heating & UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
• Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

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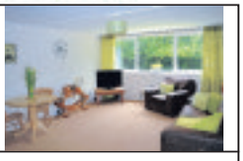

32 BRANDHALL COURT, OLDBURY

- Well presented ground floor flat
- PVC double glazed and well heated
- Gated development
- Superb through lounge/dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Garage and communal gardens
- FULL INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £94,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

21 HADZOR ROAD : OLDBURY

- Enviably situated
- 2 bedrooms
- Double fronted bungalow
- Lounge & dining room
- Conservatory
- Side garage
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £244,950

Viewing : Bearwood Office

50 MERRIVALE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Freehold mid terraced property
Located close to the main high street and providing easy access to Birmingham City Centre

- Fully gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- three bedrooms and upstairs washroom/W.C to the first floor
- Hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen
- Refitted fully tiled bathroom
- Enclosed rear yard and gardens
- Ideally suited for first time buyers
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £120,500

Viewing Bearwood Office

31 MAYNARD ROAD, EDGBASTON

ADDRESS 31 MAYNARD ROAD, EDGBASTON B16 0PW
WE ARE ACTING IN THE SALE OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY AND HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFER OF £76,000. ANY INTERESTED PARTIES MUST SUBMIT ANY HIGHER OFFERS IN WRITING TO THE SELLING AGENT BEFORE AN EXCHANGE OF CONTRACTS TAKE PLACE.

Offers based on £76,000

VIEWING: BEARWOOD OFFICE

BLANDFORD ROAD, QUINTON

- End town house close to The Holly Bush
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Off-street parking
- ENERGY RATING : D

Offers based on £79,950

Viewings: Bearwood Office

FLAT 1, 310 GILLOTT ROAD,

- Ground floor self-contained flat
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two bedrooms
- Communal gardens
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £69950

Viewing Bearwood Office

67 CORBETT STREET, SMETHWICK

- Centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted fully tiled bathroom
- Ideal FTBs

VIEWING : BEARWOOD OFFICE

ASHWOOD CLOSE, OLDBURY

- Second floor flat
- PVC double glazed
- Electric storage heating
- Double bedroom
- Spacious lounge
- Allocated parking
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £69,950

Viewing Bearwood Office

19 PERRY COURT, OLDBURY

- First floor flat off main Hagley Road West
- Electric storage heating and double glazed
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Allocated parking and communal gardens
- Designated for over 60s (55+ with a disability)
- Warden controlled accommodation
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £62,500

Viewing Bearwood Office

REDUCED

51 PARKES STREET, SMETHWICK

- Recently refurbished mid-terraced
- Centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- 2 double bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Refitted kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £88,950

Viewing Bearwood Office

8 HOLLAND AVENUE, OLDBURY

- Traditional freehold double fronted semi-detached
- Three bedrooms and fully tiled bathroom
- Hall, through lounge and good size dining/kitchen
- Downstairs store and W.C.
- Easily maintained garden
- Off-street parking bay
- Double glazed, centrally heated and alarmed
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £119,500

Viewing Bearwood Office

ROTTON PARK ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers Based On £169,950

Viewing : Bearwood Office

102 GLADYS ROAD : BEARWOOD

- 2 double bedrooms
- Gas centrally heated
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Ideal FTBs
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £114,950

Viewing : Bearwood Office

93 BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Facing Warley Woods
- Traditional features
- Inter-communicating lounge
- Excellent refitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Family room ideal for GRANNY FLAT or similar
- 3 double bedrooms
- Loft conversion
- EPC : E

OFFERS BASED ON £244,950

Viewings: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2013 @ 6.30PM

Lot 1: **36 MARLBOROUGH ROAD, BEARWOOD B66 4DW**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced needing full renovation **£70-80,000**

Lot 2: **71 THE AVENUE, ACOCKS GREEN B27 6NL**
Freehold double glazed 3 bedroomed town house needing some improvement..... **£80-90,000**

Lot 3: **17 WESTFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6AW**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced requiring improvement **£70-80,000**

Lot 4: **79 HILLTOP ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9DU**
Freehold 3 bedroomed double glazed semi-detached needing improvement..... **£75-80,000**

Lot 5: **55 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BQ**
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced needing renovation..... **£100-110,000**

Lot 6: **25 WESTON ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BB**
Freehold centrally heated 2 bedroomed terraced needing some improvement..... **£ circa 90,000**

Lot 7: **Land adj. 57 KNOTTSALL LANE, OLDBURY B68 9LG**
Freehold building plot suitable for 3 bedroomed detached **£40-50,000**

Lot 8: **7 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BP**
Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed villa..... **£95-105,000**

Lot 9: **10 BOWDEN ROAD, SMETWHICK B67 7PA**
Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated terraced**£80-90,000**

Lot 10: **6 DUNSFORD ROAD, BEARWOOD B66 4EH**
Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed villa, needing upgrading..... **£85-90,000**

Lot 11: **198 LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5AZ**
Traditional freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed villa **£115-120,000**

Lot 12: **20 CUMBERLAND ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0AL**
Freehold centrally heated double fronted 3/4 bedroomed town house..... **£85-90,000**

Lot 13: **18 WILLIAM ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6LW**
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached needing improvement **£95-100,000**

Lot 14: **274 GILLOTT ROAD, EDGBASTON B16 0RU**
Freehold semi-detached investment currently 7 flats..... **£170-180,000**

Lot 15: **94 RATHBONE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5JF**
Freehold 2 bedroomed double glazed terraced in need of upgrading **£90-100,000**

Lot 16: **165 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5HU**
Freehold 3 bedroomed villa, double glazed and centrally heated but fire damaged..... **£80-90,000**

Lot 17: **131 FARM ROAD, OLDBURY B68 8PL**
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi-detached in need of upgrading **£90-100,000**

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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Suzuki Swift 4x4 looks set to fill gap in market

By Sharon Walters

SUZUKI has made its name as a maker of small cars and 4x4s, so it comes as a surprise that it's taken until now to combine the two.

But as traditional SUVs have grown larger and more expensive, there's a clear gap in the market for a car with all-weather ability that's cheaper to buy and run than many standard hatchbacks.

After all, by no means everyone who lives in the countryside is a millionaire, and for the environmentally conscious there are few greener alternatives, with fuel consumption averaging better than 50mpg.

So, enter the Suzuki Swift 4x4, based on the Japanese company's best-selling hatchback, which could be yours for a little over £12,600.

Its main competitor is the Fiat Panda. Yes Suzuki still produces the Jimny, but that's a different kettle of fish.

It's a more traditionally built 4x4, a sort of baby Vitara, but its accomplished off-road performance requires compromises which impact on its ride comfort and handling on the road. Not so the Swift 4x4: in fact from its appearance or driving experience you'd be hard pressed to spot any differences with the standard hatchback. Unless, that is, you pay an extra £1,000 for the top-of-the-range model with its special bodykit.

There are no levers or buttons to worry about. The four-wheel drive system is fully automatic with a viscous coupling proportionally directing power to the rear wheels when the front ones start to slip. The coupling is little bigger than a clenched fist: in fact the whole 4x4 system adds just 65kg to the car's weight. The result is little impact on performance, just 5mpg less and a 10g/km increase in CO2 emissions. The test drives took place in North Wales, with 20 miles or so of steep inclines and dirt tracks through the Berwyn Mountains, where first and second gears were the order of the day. It was pleasantly surprising to find we had averaged 42mpg, so 50mpg should be entirely feasible in day-to-day use. Both 4x4 models are powered by the Swift range's 1.2-litre petrol engine, one of the most powerful in its class with 94PS on tap. With a 0 to 62mph time of 13.3 seconds it's a little slower off the mark than the standard hatchback. Yet it doesn't seem to struggle – its performance on the open road, and at motorway speeds, was something of a revelation with low noise levels and a civility which would be the envy of cars with much more power to spare.

The Suzuki Swift 4x4 is based on the Japanese marque's best-selling hatchback

The new Swift 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades

Clearance

The extra 25mm ride height (to accommodate the 4x4 system and give those who venture off road a bit more ground clearance) doesn't seem to have affected the road holding or supple ride, either.

That's as it should be. This new Swift is not aimed at wannabe explorers, it's a car for those who need to drive come rain, sleet or snow and who want the extra traction and security of four-wheel drive at an affordable price.

Suzuki is dipping its toes into a new market sector so – for the time being at least – there isn't the option of a 4x4 with the Swift range's 1.3-litre diesel engine. But with the petrol engine's economy, lower price and the petrol/diesel price differential that's only likely to be an issue for higher mileage drivers.

The 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades, the two best-equipped models in the Swift range. List prices are £13,819 and £15,739 but – at least until he end of September – Suzuki has included the new car in its 'VAT free' offer. That works out At £12,616 and £13,116 respectively. The SZ3 is well-equipped by class/price standards with ABS and other electronic braking systems, plus an electronic stability programme helping the four-wheel drive to keep you safe.

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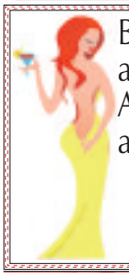

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of various sections of highway off Moor Street, two northern part widths of Turks Head Way and a southern part width of Lyttleton Street at West Bromwich, in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell.

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development as permitted by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council under reference DC/10/51813.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Sandwell Central Library, 316 High Street, West Bromwich, B70 8DZ in the 28 days commencing on 07 November 2013, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State (quoting NATTRAN/WM/S247/1094) at the address stated below.

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S. Zamenzadeh
Department for Transport

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (A41 BLACK COUNTRY NEW ROAD, TIPTON) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) ORDER 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to facilitate work to Eagle Lane Viaduct by Currall Lewis and Martin (working on behalf of Sandwell Council), the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding via A41 Black Country New Road, Tipton from its junction with Leabrook Road to its junction with Great Western Way. It is anticipated that the road closures will be phased as follows:

   Northbound closures:

   Friday 15th November (20.00hrs) - Saturday 16th November 2013 (8.00hrs).

   Saturday 16th November (18.00hrs) - Sunday 17th November 2013 (10.00hrs).

   Sunday 17th November (18.00hrs) - Monday 18th November 2013 (06.00hrs).

   Southbound closures:

   Friday 22nd November (20.00hrs) - Saturday 23rd November 2013 (8.00hrs).

   Saturday 23rd November (18.00hrs) - Sunday 24th November 2013 (10.00hrs).

   Sunday 24th November (18.00hrs) - Monday 25th November 2013 (06.00hrs).
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Leabrook Road, Toll End Road, New Road, Great Western Way and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 15th November 2013, it is expected that the work will be completed by 25th November 2013. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the work should be directed to Ron Pinfield of Currall Lewis and Martin who can be contacted on 0121 552 9292 and those relating to the effect of the Order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

DATED this 7th day of November 2013

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 1, SANDWELL) (SLIP ROAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to allow street lighting repairs to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 1.

Work will be carried out over two nights between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 25 November 2013. The Order will come into force on 22 November 2013.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by, or with the permission of, a traffic officer will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route via the M6 Junction 7 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Letty Askew on 0121 6874137.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 3 TO JUNCTION 2 NORTHBOUND)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley and Sandwell, to allow the installation of an electronic traffic detector system.

The effect of the Order will be to close –

i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 3 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 2;
ii) the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3, and
iii) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

The work will be carried out overnight between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Wednesday 27 November 2013 and last for one night. The Order will come into force on 25 November 2013.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via the A456 and the A4123 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Gail Buckler on 0121 4237775.

Mike Lloyd, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 2, SANDWELL) (SLIP ROAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to allow a traffic signal repair work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

Work will be carried out over one night between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Tuesday 19 November 2013. The Order will come into force on 12 November 2013.

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For further information, please contact Dave Ryall on 0121 678 8380.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency.

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

This is a major application.

DC/13/56444	Sandwell MBC Property Services – Mr David Willetts	Playground Adjacent 59 Clifton Street Cradley Heath	Proposed removal of Condition 11 of Planning Permission DC/98/34811 relating to provision of the childrens play area and equipment.

This is a major application.

DC/13/56474	Mr Lee Houghton Sentinel Plastics Limited	Sentinel Plastics Limited 39 Wrights Lane Cradley Heath B64 6QY	Renewal of extant planning permission DC/10/52670 – for the erection of 13 dwellings (outline application with all matters except means of access & layout reserved).

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE

(between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

Mr Nick Bubalo, Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

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The Borough Council of Sandwell (Barton Street and Richard Street South, West Bromwich) (Temporary One-Way) Order 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to facilitate carriageway works associated with the new swimming pool in Moor Street by Pellikaan Construction, the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding in Barton Street (from its junction with Moor Street to its junction with Richard Street South) and Richard Street South, West Bromwich other than in a northerly direction.
2. The alternative route for southbound vehicles will be diverted via Oak Road, Price Street Gyratory and Moor Street.
3. The Order will take effect on 11th November 2013, and it is anticipated that the one-way will remain operational until 9th December 2013, after which it is expected that the work will be complete. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the work should be directed to Gary McStay of Pellikaan Construction who can be contacted on 020 8392 9355 and those relating to the effect of the Order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

Dated this 7th day of November 2013

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

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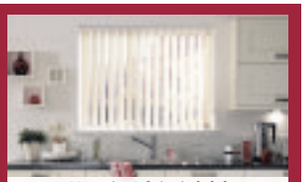

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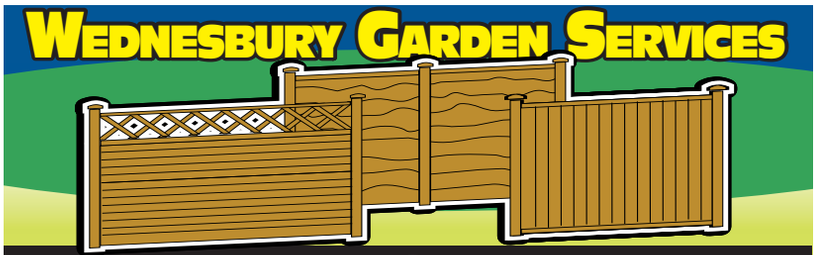

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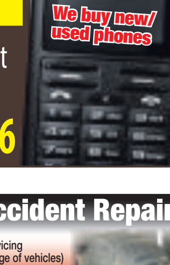

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Sportscar specialist to gear up juniors

Motor racing

HUGELY successful one-make saloon car and sportscar specialist Total Control Racing is to expand its operations to include participation in the Ginetta Junior Championship in 2014.

This will complete the team's ladder of opportunity with the Leeds marque.

Renowned as one of UK motorsport's premier squads, the Wednesbury outfit has won numerous championship titles over the years in a variety of categories but has enjoyed particular success in recent seasons in the Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup and Ginetta GT5 Challenge. Delighted to now add involvement in the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship-supporting Ginetta Junior Championship, TCR will be able to provide a full progression for youngsters fresh to car racing – taking them from Ginetta Junior, through the Ginetta GT5 Challenge and on into the Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup.

"We're probably the most successful team competing with Ginetta at the moment", said TCR team principal Lee Brookes, "We're regular race winners and have won championships in the GT Supercup and we've had a lot of success in the [GT5] Challenge.

"The last piece of the jigsaw is to get involved in the Ginetta Juniors and we feel the time is right to add that to what we offer. Nobody else out there has the background we've got – since we first came into Ginetta in 2009 it's been a successful relationship with the brand, we're looking forward to building on that to add success in Ginetta Junior as well with some young, rookie drivers." Having won titles in the Renault UK Clio Cup and, now defunct, SEAT Cupra Championship, as well as finishing in the top three in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship in 2003, TCR branched out into Ginetta racing for the first time in 2009 when the then Michelin Ginetta G50 Cup debuted on the BTCC package.

Making an instant impact by winning its maiden race in the category with Carl Breeze, the team went on to claim the Team Championship at its first attempt while Breeze concluded the season in the top three of the driver standings.

In 2010 Breeze was Vice-Champion and in 2011 he was just five points away from taking the championship. Maintaining their place at the forefront of the series, Breeze and TCR won the GT Supercup driver's crown in 2012 and Breeze was Vice-Champion for a third time this year.

In the Ginetta GT5 Challenge, TCR took Mike Robinson to the Vice-Champion's position in 2012 and has been a consistent frontrunner this season – ending the campaign with a memorable double victory for George Gamble.

Striker is looking to leave the Baggies

MARKUS ROSENBERG wants to quit Albion in the January transfer window.

The 31-year-old striker hasn't made the squad for the last two league games after being an unused substitute in the 1-1 draw against Arsenal.

Rosenberg slipped down the pecking order after the signings of Nicolas Anelka and Matej Vydra in the summer then the subsequent arrival of Victor Anichebe and Stephane Sessegnon on deadline day.

The collapse of Shane Long's move to Hull and the stunning emergence of Saido Berahino has pushed the Swede even more to the margins.

Now he claims he is looking to leave The Hawthorns when the window opens on January 1.

"It's been difficult – I'm 31 years old and have barely played in a year and a half," said Rosenberg, who has played just 90 minutes in the Premier League this season across four games.

"I'm waiting for the window in January and see what opportunities are out there."

Fireworks from boss over draw

Carlisle 2 Wolves 2

FUMING Kenny Jackett delivered a Bonfire Night rocket to Wolves' under-performing players after their chances of making club history went up in smoke on Tuesday night.

The Molineux head coach was disappointed at the second-half fade-out that saw his side throw away a deserved 2-1 lead at half-time to draw 2-2 against a spirited Carlisle side, who dominated after the break.

The loss of two more points cost Wolves the chance of a club record sixth consecutive away win, but more importantly, the opportunity to draw level on points with League One leaders Leyton Orient after Prince Buaben and Liam Noble's penalty cancelled out strikes from Bakary Sako and Leigh Griffiths.

"The second-half performance was that poor, I didn't think we deserved anything out of the game, so we did well to get a point," said Jackett. "Carlisle wanted it more than us."

Seven heaven as Tivs cruise past cup rivals

Football

JW Hunt Cup First Round
Mahal FC 0 Tividale FC 7

TIVIDALE made no mistake this time in cruising past their lower league opposition in round one of this season's J W Hunt cup.

Last season Tividale limped out 2-1 against Smethwick Rangers at this stage but this time there was to be no repeat as the visitors routed Mahal.

Once again the management rang out the changes for this cup game, including the return of Tom Overfield for his first game since being the victim of that horror challenge at Walsall Wood at the beginning of August.

Tividale were ahead in the first minute when Karl Edwards lived up to his nick name of banger with a pile driver from about 20 yards.

Curled

Tividale then went on to miss a host of chances before adding a second on 40 minutes when Michael Wardle cut in from the left flank and curled home a beauty into the bottom left hand corner.

Tividale had two great chances to extend their lead in the first 90 seconds of the second half, but on 48 minutes Stuart How made no mistake side footing home the third.

On 63 minutes it was four as Edwards hit his second, a dipping effort that cleared the despairing keeper and dropped into the back of the net. The home side were now in disarray and it did not help their cause when they were reduced to 10 men when their full back first got booked for dissent and then literally seconds later received a second yellow for a clumsy foul.

On the other hand the visitors were on the rampage and on 70 minutes full-back Mitchell Plows got on the scoresheet racing to the edge of the opposition box and firing home the fifth.

Two minutes later, on 72 minutes it was six. This time substitute Daniel Evans crossing for How to neatly clip in his second.

It was another substitute Mark Smith who made it seven up on 80 minutes, when, from a corner, the keeper made a hash of the clearance and Smith had the simple task of nodding home.

Tividale: Jack Hayfield, Mitchell Plows, Tim Jackson, Andrew Dicken, Andrew Parsons (Mark Smith), Levi Bailey, Tom Overfield, David Bellis (Brett Clark), Karl Edwards (Daniel Evans), Stuart How, Michael Wardle.

Unused subs: Charles Price

Rampant Geordies demolish the depleted firsts

Dave Hall aiming high for Wednesbury in the line out who eventually lost to a rampant Newcastle side

Wednesbury RUFC 17
Newcastle RUFC 72

WEDNESBURY entertained a good Newcastle side, again with a depleted side missing seven first team players.

However, the players brought in from the second team gave a very good account of themselves, particularly Andy Clark and Doug Morgan.

Wednesbury tookthe lead after five minutes when George Ingram received the ball just on the half way before laying on the perfect pass for Rhys Nickle to run on to to finish the move but the conversion missed. It took Newcastle a further 10 minutes to get on to the score sheet. First with a penalty kicked from the halfway line and then they took the lead a few minutes later with a second penalty.

The home were unable to stem the tide as Newcastle ran in four tries and three conversions without reply from Wednesbury.

The second half was only three minutes old when Newcastle struck again with another converted try. Wednesbury kept battling away but fitness was starting to tell. Dave Hall had another excellent game as did Gary Page who was carrying an injury. In the next 10 minutes Newcastle ran in another three tries and two conversions.

Newcastle took their eye off the game allowing Wednesbury to get back in, first Ben Baker scored Wednesbuy's second, conversion by George Ingram. Then came a superb try for Harry Bird finishing off the move to get a try, no conversion.

In the closing stages Necastle scored a further two converted tries. This week Wednesbury are away to Shrewsbury kick off 2.15pm.

Anelka's helping Saido to make mark

ALBION coach Kevin Keen says summer signing Nicolas Anelka is helping young Baggies hotshot Saido Berahino make his mark on the Premier League.

Anelka has struggled to kick-start his own Baggies career since his high-profile arrival on a free transfer in the summer.

But Keen believes the Frenchman is playing a key role in the development of Berahino, who is in talks over a new contract after making an explosive start to his first-team career.

"Nicolas is fantastic in the group," said Keen. "It is not just about his demonstration or enthusiasm, or the way he plays the game and his technique, he speaks to Saido on a regular basis.

"There is no doubt Saido and Matej Vydra will improve from working with Nicolas, as Romelu Lukaku did last year by working with the likes of Shane Long, Marco Fortune and Peter Odemwingie.

"So it's not just about what the media or supporters see on a Saturday – there is a much bigger role that Nicolas plays at this club and I think he's been fantastic for us."

Revival for Bs cut short by Broms

Bromyard Town 2
Bustleholme 1

BUSTLEHOLME'S mini-revival came to an end as they travelled to Herefordshire to take on Bromyard.

Facing windy conditions both sides tried to play football and the Bs took the lead when Chris Turner fed Nathan Jones who finished neatly to put the ball past the oncoming keeper.

Bustleholme squandered plenty more chances to take all three points.

However, the game changed when Chris Norton put through one in his own net and despite a linesman's flagging for offside the referee over ruled the decision and Bromyard were back in the game.

Just as the visitors thought they had a point Bromyard's Liam Sheehan also looked in an offside position when he crossed for Dan Horton to finish but the referee let the goal stand.

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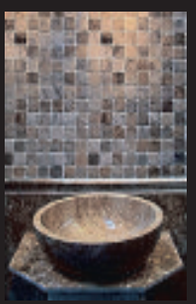

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Tipton's four-ce proves to be too strong

Tipton Town 4 Loughborough U 1

Football

A HAT-TRICK by midfielder Dave Meese helped Tipton to an excellent 4-1 win over Loughborough University.

Tipton boss Ian Rowe brought in Danny Crudgington to play alongside Meese and Lee Wherton in midfield to replace the suspended Danny Ashton.

The visitors had the best of the early chances – if not possession – as the swirling wind around Tipton Sports Academy made play challenging.

On eight minutes, James Pemberton was forced into action to deny Tristan Dunkley after a lapse in concentration by Graham Ashton. Ten minutes later Daniel Brennan hooked over the bar from a corner and almost immediately afterwards Pemberton had to parry away a shot by James Winchester from the edge of the area.

On 32 minutes Marvin Nisbett broke the deadlock, picking the ball up on the right wing and jinking and turning into the area before firing home.

Three minutes later Nisbett turned provider to enable Meese to slot home for the first of his three. Having carved open the visitors twice, Tipton then allowed them back into the game before the interval when Graham Ashton brought down Dunkley and Kieran Kenlock smashed home from the spot.

Within four minutes of the restart the game was effectively over. First Meese tapped home from close range after great work by Joe Rogers down the right.

Then just two minutes later he bravely went into a challenge with Hallett to poke home, receiving a foot-long gash up the inside of his leg – as well as the match ball – for his efforts.

With Loughborough effectively out on their feet, it was simply a case of whether Tipton could add to their total.

On 63 minutes Crudgington almost got the goal his performance deserved when he beat two men and shot from the edge of the area to force a great save from Hallett.

And Meese might have added to his personal tally on 70 minutes when he managed to control a cross on the edge of the area but Hallett was equal to it.

Tipton now face take on neighbours Walsall Wood for the first time in over a decade this Saturday

Tivs take unbeaten streak to the dozen

Tividale FC 1
Causeway Utd FC 0

TIVIDALE made it 12 out of 12 to extend their amazing start to the MFA season.

For the first part of the game Tividale were definitely second best, but on 35 minutes they showed why they are on this great run with a piece of quality.

From soaking up pressure they countered when Jason Chilton was sent away, outpaced his marker Todd Evans and whipped in a cross that poacher supreme Nathan Waite steered past Causeway keeper Tom Turner.

Two minutes later Causeway had another golden opportunity when clear on goal Tibbetts with only Price to beat decided to try and pass to one of his forwards and made a complete hash of it.

There must have been strong words in the home dressing room because the second half was a quite different affair as Tividale completely dominated.

It was they who should have extended their lead with substitute Michael Wardle having the best of the chances hitting the post with one effort and then watched as Turner somehow turned away an effort.

Tividale: Price, Parsons, Paskin, Field, Smith, Huckfield, Winwood (Wardle), Downing (Bellis), Waite, How (Edwards), Chilton.
Subs not used: Plows, Hayfield

Thorne close to loan move

ALBION midfielder George Thorne is on the verge of joining Championship side Watford on loan until January.

The 20-year-old will join the Hornets until January 2, though the Baggies will have a 24-hour recall option after the first 28 days of the player moving to his new home.

Thorne has not featured for Albion this season as he has continued his recovery from a cruciate knee injury which he suffered in January.

But he has played for the under-21s and head coach Steve Clarke had previously stated the youngster may be sent on loan when he was fit enough.

Both Watford and Derby had expressed an interest in taking Thorne, who has progressed through the ranks at The Hawthorns.

SAIDO SHOWS THE KNACK TO SCORING

Albion 2 C Palace 0

SAIDO BERAHINO did not have a special game at The Hawthorns on Saturday.

Indeed, he only came on after stepping off the bench on the half-hour following an injury to full-back Billy Jones.

But the England Under-21 man again showed his priceless knack of scoring crucial goals at vital times.

That uncanny talent is what makes the 20-year-old from Burundi so invaluable to the Baggies as they attempt to seal the deal that will end lingering speculation over his future.

Even in the midst of a disciplined, hard-working display out of position, wide on the right, Berahino's instincts for scoring were clear for all.

He drifted into a dangerous position in the final minute of the first half, collected a clever pull-back from Stephane Sessegnon.

Confidence

Then planted an emphatic left-footed shot inside Julian Speroni's right-hand upright with all the confidence and composure that has underpinned his rise through the Baggies ranks.

It is a skill that cannot be taught and one that commands a financial premium, but it is one that turned a scrappy, unedifying game decisively in the Baggies' direction on Saturday and gave them a crucial win in a fixture that always looked likely to determine whether their start to the Premier League season was viewed as over or under par.

Ultimately, Gareth McAuley's thunderous header seven minutes from time spared the home faithful a tense end to a poor game in which the Baggies, while a fair way below their best, were more than good enough to see off a Crystal Palace side who already look to be in deep trouble at the foot of the table.

Football

But it was Berahino, the youngster who Hawthorns officials hope will finally make the long-awaited leap from academy prospect to first-team regular and who picks up less than £1,000 per week, who changed the course of proceedings.

Berahino's strike came in the nick of time at the end of a first half in which the pressure of expectation appeared to weigh heavily on an Albion side who were clear favourites to see off a poor Palace side on home turf. Albion had made the early running with Danny Gabbidon and Joel Ward making important early blocks for the visitors.

For the second goal Brunt then side-footed past the post when he should have hit the target before turning provider with seven minutes remaining, directing a flat corner to the far post for McAuley to leap above Mile Jedinak to hit home.

Young Baggies star Saido Berahino celebrates opening the scoring with Morgan Amalfitano during Saturday's win

Reid is in as Jones ruled out

ALBION defender Billy Jones has been ruled out for up to six weeks as veteran Steven Reid was tipped to step up to the mark at Chelsea on Saturday.

Reid looks certain to start at right-back at Stamford Bridge after Jones limped out of Saturday's 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace on the half-hour with a hamstring injury.

Assistant boss Keith Downing insists Jones will not be rushed back, with Reid ready for his first Premier League appearance of the season.

"Reidy's ready to go," said Downing. "That's why we gave him another year on his contract. Billy's done ever so well but he's pulled a hamstring, which is a shame, and he's looking at a length of time out. Hamstrings tend to take anything from two to six weeks to recover from.

Reid signed a new one-year contract in the summer but a pre-season injury allowed Jones to establish himself as first-choice right-back, with Reid unable to even make the substitutes' bench of late.

His only appearance this season came in the Capital One Cup game against Arsenal on September 25 when they lost on penalties.

Delph's dream of England role

FABIAN DELPH says it would be a 'dream' to gate-crash England's World Cup squad.

The Villa midfielder has been tipped to earn a first senior call-up after impressive performances this term.

Delph, who has four under-21 caps, has been hailed by England aces Micah Richards and Joleon Lescott this season.

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